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No age barrier

ONSULT your birth certificates and examine the date carefully. If you were unlucky enough to be born before June, 1952 beware.

It should be pointed out immediately that this warning applies only to England players, or those likely to be considered for selection by Ron Greenwood in his search for a winning combination to contest the World Cup next year.

Heaven help any player who is 30 or over on June 13 next year, the day on which the

World Cup starts.

England's goalkeeping trio of Ray Clemence, Peter Shilton and Joe Corrigan, all over 30, escape much of the criticism. Others are not so lucky, including Mick Mills, aged 32, Phil Neal 30, Trevor Brooking 33, Terry McDermott 30 this month, Peter Withe 30, and England's captain Kevin Keegan 30.

They are singled out as threats to England's chances of making further progress in the competition unless they are replaced by younger players.

Ability counts for little or according to the nothing, critics.

It has to be accepted that their argument has a point, but it is a well known fact that experience is every bit as important as a player's age at international level.

European players tend to develop later than those from the warmer climates, yet Brazil's capacity for blending youth and experience into a winning formula is renowned after their memorable World Cup cam-

This very week their manager Tele Santana is grooming an outside left named Mario Sergio for stardom in next summer's World Cup. He is 31.

Greenwood himself hints that there could be major surgery on the England team's constitution before next summer's tournament, but adds forcibly that new players will only be drafted into the squad if they are better than the players in favour at the moment.

The best players are wanted by England's manager. Age is

immaterial.

SHOOT turns the spotlight on the players seeking glory in Spain

Shaun Elliott: Born January 26, 1957. An outsider for Spain. The Sunderland stopper knows his chances of an international call-up will be hampered by his club's relegation troubles. And he doesn't play for the most glamorous of clubs, either.

MIDFIELD

Sammy Lee: Born February 7, 1959. Liverpool's action man may have been absent for much of the season because of injury, but Ron Greenwood certainly won't have forgotten him. The England Under-21 skipper, his whole-hearted commitment and relentless running

HE World Cup guessing game has already

begun.

In the few short weeks since England sealed their place in the World Cup Finals with that victory over Hungary, manager Ron Greenwood has been inundated with the names of possible candidates for a place in his final squad. Between now and June there are sure to be hundreds more proposals.

Some will be worthy of serious consideration. others won't have a hope of

going Spain.

But one thing is clear, Greenwood must do something to bring down the average age of his

squad.

Six of the team which beat the Hungarians have already celebrated their 30th birthdays, and another three won't be so far away from that not so magic milestone by the time the World Cup Finals kick off in

Fortunately, England do have men like Bryan Robson, Glenn Hoddle, Alan Devonshire, Tony Morley, Kenny Sansom and Alvin Martin, who all seem certain to go to Spain.

But it is the young men on the fringe of Greenwood's squad who will come under the closest scrutiny in the next six months.

We look at the young players with the most realistic chances of going to Spain . . .

GOALKEEPER

Peter Shilton or Ray Clemence will be England's goalkeeper in Spain. Joe Corrigan is almost certainly going to be Greenwood's third option. Sadly, neither Gary Bailey nor John Lukic is good enough for the full international team.

DEFENCE

Derek Statham: Born March 24, 1959. Many consider the West Bromwich Albion left-back to be the best in the country. Others will put forward the name of Kenny Sansom. But Mick Mills will be 33 and cannot consider himself a certainty for Spain, so Statham must be a good bet, at least as cover for the Arsenal man.

Steve Foster: Born September 24, 1957. There was much speculation prior to the Hungary game as to who would partner Phil Thompson in the centre of the England defence. Alvin Martin's solid performance has probably earned him a regular place, especially as Dave Watson seems most unlikely to add to his 63 caps. But Foster has been a solid and consistent performer for Brighton and will certainly figure in Greenwood's reckoning.

Russell Osman: Born February 14, 1959. At one time the Ipswich man seemed certain to take over at international level with club mate Terry Butcher, but neither has fulfilled early promise. Osman has been given a chance and not taken it, but experience of full international football will count in his favour.

Tommy Caton: Born October 6, 1962. The Manchester City won-derboy has rediscovered his touch since John Bond succeeded Malcolm Allison at Maine Road just over a year ago. But Caton's claim to an England shirt hasn't been helped by his switch to left-back to accommodate the boss' son at City. Central defence is undoubtedly his strength. could be a great asset in the heat of Spain. Alan Ball was England's ace in 1966, and Sammy Lee is straight out of the same mould.

Remi Moses: Born November 14, 1960. Many people questioned Ron Atkinson's decision to pay his former club £665,000 to take Moses to Manchester United, but his judgment has been vindicated. A player who has settled in quicker than expected at Old Trafford, he could make the transformation from Under-21 to full international level just as rapidly given the chance. Similar to Sammy Lee, Greenwood can afford to take only one of these two.

Gordon Cowans: Born October 28, 1958. Unfortunately Gordon Cowans appears to have taken a step backwards in the interna-





The tigerish tackling of Remi Moses has been a feature for Manchester United and England's Under-21's this season.

tional stakes after seeming a certainty to win a full England shirt 18 months ago. Like his Champion team Aston Villa, Cowans seems to blow hot and cold and could be considered too much of a gamble for a valuable squad place in Spain.

Steve Mackenzie: Born November 23, 1961. His transfer to WBA amazed many Manchester City fans, who considered Mackenzie their greatest success last season. Perhaps his form lapse this season is understandable when you consider Albion have four new paid a seven-figure fee for Justin makes him a candidate for England. He has struggled to produce the goods for Cloughie, and despite some good showings for the Under-21's it seems unlikely that he will be ready to take on the best defences in the world within six months.

Cyrille Regis: Born February 9, 1958. Back to his bustling best this season, but is it good enough for England? Strong enough and fast enough to test the toughest defences in the world, but amazingly inconsistent. Nevertheless, he's certainly worth a trial in one of the build-up games.

YOUNG LIONS





midfield men, but if he can recapture his touch this tough tackler with the rocket shot must come into consideration.

ATTACK

Gary Shaw: Born January 21, 1961. There's been a lot of pressure on Greenwood to give Shaw a run out, and now the pressure is off for six months he might just do that. Despite scoring the goal against Hungary, Paul Mariner hasn't really proved himself as England's target man, and neither has Peter Withe. Shaw's goals this season after a long injury lay-off prove he is no one-season-wonder.

Paul Goddard: Born October 12, 1959. Has proved his worth for West Ham and was included in the Hungary squad, so he must figure highly in England's plans. Hasn't found goals quite so easy to come by this season, however, and may need a David Cross-type partner to feed off. With the exception of Peter Withe, England don't have anybody in that mould who'll be going to Spain.

Justin Fashanu: Born February 19, 1961. Only the fact that Forest Lee Chapman: Born December 5, 1959. It is the man who scores the most goals this season who will figure uppermost in Ron Greenwood's plans, and at the moment Stoke's Lee Chapman leads the race. Plays for an unfashionable club, and not the most mobile of strikers, but lethal in front of goal. Very similar to Bob Latchford, and it's worth remembering that Greenwood's most successful spell coincided with Latchford's presence in the side.

Garry Thompson: Born October 7, 1959. Thompson has probably been the most successful of all the England Under-21 strikers, but we can't see the big Coventry man sunning himelf in Spain next year.

Adrian Heath: Born January 11, 1961. Like team-mate Chapman, Adrian Heath is handicapped by playing for a team out of the spotlight. But Stoke boss Richie Barker has already turned down offers of more than half a million for him, which proves how highly rated he is. Lacking in inches, but an extremely mobile, exciting young man. Can also play with equal effect in midfield, and this versatility could count in his favour.

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Coventry striker told 'KNUCKLE DOWN'

UNHAPPY Coventry striker Tom English admits that money is the reason for his demand for a move.

"It has nothing to do with not being in the first team, It's purely a question of financial security," says the out of tavour 20-year-old.

He explains: "I understood I was part of the first team squad and would still receive first team bonus payments. That hasn't happened and it would appear I'm no longer part of the first team plans.

"I have been quite happy to bide my time and wait to show what I can do. But I don't feel I have been given a fair chance. But really I don't want to leave Coventry."

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English joins Les Sealey, Peter Bodak and Steve Jacobs in asking for a move and their actions have brought a blast from general manager Gordon Milne.

Milne insists: "They should knuckle down and set about trying to win back first team

Jacobs could withdraw his request as he has now settled into one of the first team midfield



and white England and chaired by England team manager Ron Greenwood. He received an inscribed silver salver and a cheque for £250 to the charity of his choice.

London and South panellist Bill Nicholson said: "Paul looks a certainty to be a star of the future. He has

excellent close skill, awareness and the ability to turn on a sixpence. He has

ability to turn on a sixpence. He has good balance, a powerful shot and good anticipation in the penalty area."
Midlands panellist Stan Cullis said: "He's the one bright 18-year-old I've seen who I think will figure in the England set-up in the future." England manager Ron Greenwood said: "Paul is an exceptional player and a bright prospect. I saw him twice last month. He has amazing ability and for such a small fellow he's also good in the air."
Regional selections were: North West—Gary Stevens (Everton). North Fast—

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Gary Stevens (Everton), North East —
Chris Waddle (Newcastle Utd),
Midlands — Danny Thomas (Coventry
City), Yorkshire — Ian Banks (Barnsley)
and Wales and West — Tarki Micallef
(Cardiff City).

KEITH BURKINSHAW, Tot-tenham's manager, is Bell's Scotch Whisky Manager of the

It is Burkinshaw's third award
— the previous two being for
September '77 and October '79.



Police praise fans

CROWDS at Scottish games have been much better behaved since the controversial ban on taking alchohol into grounds was introduced last February. Police in both Edinburgh and Glasgow say that there has been a marked decrease in the number of arrests at Easter Road, Tynecastle, Ibrox and Celtic Park — and the clubs no longer need to hire skips to clear the empties from the terracing.





NOTTS County defender Brian Kil-cline believes his lack of pace is earning him an unjustified reputation

as a dirty player.

The 20-year-old centre-half, nick-named 'Killer' by his team-mates, was one of the first in the country to be suspended this season after incurring 20 disciplinary points. He was also sent off in the recent game against Everton following a foul on winger. Everton following a foul on winger

Alan Ainscow.

"I have not been happy with my game so far this season," said Kilcline, who is seen by some as a long term England candidate.

"I was hampered with a blood infection at the start of the season. I was finding that forwards were too quick

finding that forwards were too quick for me and I was getting penalised as they went by me with the ball. "I am a hard player — but so are

most of the decent central defenders in the game.



NORTHERN IRELAND'S decisive World Cup win over israel, which ensured qualification for the 1982 qualification for the 1982 Finals in Spain, occurred on the 101st Anniversary of the Irish Football

Villa boot inspired Morley

IF Aston Villa's flying winger Tony Morley is chosen for England's World Cup tour party next summer he will shake the hand of his club's

manager Ron Saunders.
For Tony believes that the "kick up the Saunders handed him earlier this season by dropping him to the reserves was the stimulant he needed to force his way into

England reckoning.

Morley admits his absence from the Villa team encouraged him to greater effort. He recaptured his form of last season — and Ron Greenwood rewarded him handsomely for his efforts by playing him for 26 minutes of the second-half against Hungary.

But Morley is not over optimistic about gaining selection for the World Cup.

He says: "There is no way I'm sure of a place.

My main aim at present is to improve my game, and do well for Villa.

'There will be a lot of players battling to get into the England squad. I was pleased to be on the substitutes' bench in the first place and didn't have time to get nervous when Steve Coppell was injured and I went on."

SUCCESS

MEMORABLE moment in the Long Bar at Wembley after England's 1-0 victory

over Hungary.
Manchester United boss Ron Atkinson dipped his hand into a frothing pint of beer held by Bradford City's dashing

young chairman Bob Martin.
"We won, we won, we won..."
beamed big Ron, licking his fingers.
I am pleased to report that Mr Martin

Whip round

BISHOP AUCKLAND made a sporting gesture to 15-year-old schoolboy Bryan Proman after a recent FA Cup-tie against Caernarvon. Proman was so determined to see the game that he travelled on his own, by train and bus, to Wales after missing a Supporters' Club coach. The players were so thrilled over his enthusiasm that they had a whip-round and raised £12 to cover Bryan's expenses.



MIDDLESBROUGH chairman Charles Amer has no thoughts of resigning in a troubled season.

Mr Amer says: "This is not the hour to desert

Middlesbrough.

"If I felt that by resigning, I would help the team achieve success, I would have done so. In due course, I shall hand over to someone else but, for the moment, I believe the best interests of the club will be served if I remain.

Angry O'Keefe slams Liverpool players

EAMONN O'KEEFE, sent-off (right) in the derby game between Everton and Liverpool, describes the moment as the worst in his life.

"It was a terrible experience," he says. "But I don't think I would have gone if a few Liverpool players hadn't been so quick to react. They swayed the referee's decision."

O'Keefe was given his marching orders for a late challenge on Liverpool's Ronnie Whelan, but it's doubtful if any of his colleagues would have persuaded Peter Willis to send O'Keefe off. He is far too experienced an official.

The last word goes to O'Keefe though. "I didn't think it was a sending-off offence. But what else can you do but take these things on the chin?"

'Don't forget me' pleads Statham

DEREK STATHAM'S international career has ground to a standstill because of West Bromwich Albion's problems

If Albion had enjoyed a more successful season Statham would be challenging heavily for the England left-back

position.

That is the opinion of Statham himself after coming through a difficult patch caused by a cartilage operation and a troublesome hamstring.

Optimistically, Statham hopes to force his way back into

Optimistically, Statham nopes to force his way back into England reckoning.

"Obviously I have got the World Cup Finals in Spain on my mind now that we have qualified," he says. "But it is not the be-all and end-all of my career if I don't make it. I will be only 23, so there is nothing to stop me looking ahead as far as the 1986 World Cup.

"Personally I don't think I'm playing as well now as I was two seasons ago. But things have been a little bit disorganised with all the comings and goings at Albion."

TWO Scottish Second Division clubs — both in Angus — have received donations from the Ground Improvement Trust. Streetin Lity received £49,331 while neighbours Forfar Athletic collected £21,276.

SHREWSBURY have collected more injuries in training this season than in actual matches! Colin Griffin, Steve Biggins, Steve Cross and Paul Johnson have all been sidelined for various lengths of time through knocks picked up in practice sessions.

WREXHAM star Billy Ronson has written to Cardiff City fans to thank them for voting him "Player of the Year" in his two seasons with the club. Says the former Blackpool midfielder: "I am yery grateful to them for all their support when I was at Ninian Park."

Briefly

• The stirring Welsh anthem "Land Of My Fathers" is worth a goal Fathers" is worth a goal start to Wales. That is the opinion of Brighton star Mickey Thomas, who says: "Hearing it really changes the players and makes us believe we must die for the Welsh cause. People must remember that the Welsh F.A. had a lot of trouble getting the anthem accepted and played before internationals. But it really unu piayea bejore internationals. But it really expresses our faith in the Welsh nation and is a terrific boost."

O Northern Ireland haven't conceded a goal in



their last half-dozen home internationals, a total of nine footballing hours.

Arsenal star Pat Arsenat star Pat
Jennings (above) has
played 89 times in goal for
Northern Ireland . . . but
he has only once been able
to wear the standard international 'keeper's

green jersey. The reason is that Northern Ireland, of course, play in green — so Pat has had to wear yellow. The only time he got to wear green was when Billy Bingham's men played Eire and the outfield players all wore white. wore white.

· Rotherham striker Rodney Fern is determined to hang on to the match ball he received after scoring a hat-trick in the 6-0 rout of Chelsea at Millmoor this season. The only other ball he was presented with was for a four-goal feat when he played for Chesterfield. He let his daughter borrow it . . . and it was lost.

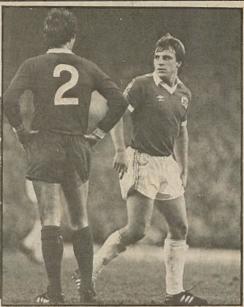
Four years ago Richie Bayly was rated one of the

brightest prospects in Eire.
This talented midfielder
was one of Johnny Giles'
first signings when he took
over at Shamrock Rovers.

Now Giles is prepared to let Richie try his luck in English football and he is currently on trial with Liverpool.

• The quick-change artists swung into action at Third Division Carlisle

after the recent game against Plymouth. The club's Rugby League team were drawn at home ream were arawn at nome against Cardiff the following day and it meant an all-night stint for the ground staff, re-marking the pitch, erecting the rugby posts and tidying the terraces.



Motherwell

MOTHERWELL boss David Hay is hoping the day will soon come when all his Fir Park players come from surrounding Lanarkshire. Says the former Celtic and Chelsea star: "I've done my own little survey into where the top Scots were born. For instance, the team that drew with Newthern Leaded to explice the team that drew with Northern Ireland to qualify for the World Cup were all born within a 15 mile radius of Glasgow. If so many big names can come from that neck of the woods, there is nothing to stop Lanarkshire producing the same number. So I have told my scouts that we must not allow any local talent whatsoever to slip through

Roll-up, roll-up...

THE giant New Year programme fair, London's popular annual event for programme collectors of all ages takes place on Sunday, 3rd January at The Ivanhoe Hotel, Bloomsbury Street, W.C.1 (two minutes from Tottenham Court Road Underground)

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dealers will be displaying thousands of programmes of all shapes and sizes. From the colourful magazine-style programmes of today to mere single sheets of paper, originally priced at one old penny, that were issued during the wartime period. A special attraction for many fans will be a fascinating exhibition stand where, in addition to rare and valuable pre-War programmes, international caps, medals and shirts worn by famous players can be seen.

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O WILL BE THE 1981 EUROPEAN

Rummenigge, but a poor

IN an undistinguished year Liverpool won the European Cup through team effort rather than an individual display. David Kipiani deserves votes for his role in Dynamo Tbilisi's Cup-Winners' Cup victory and the USSR's impressive World Cup campaign. Fellow World Cup campaign. Fellow, Soviet (and 1975 winner) Oleg Blokhin has had a good year, too. Here in Spain, Real Madrid's West German star Uli Stielike has

been outstanding, but is unlikely to win many votes in other countries.

Barcelona's Bernd Schuster is undoubtedly a superstar, but I find it hard to vote for a player with such a violent and unsporting

attitude to the game.
Ipswich's John Wark deserves

THE European Footballer of the Year will be announced this month. We asked some of our correspondents around Europe for their views. In past years we've been correct in our choice, but 1981 has not seen any one player dominate as, for example, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge of Bayern Munich and West Germany did in 1980. Even so, our verdict for 1981 is

Zoff's top

IN a year dominated by the World Cup preliminaries and by such a lot of amazing results which tend to destroy the values in European football, Dino Zoff imposed himself as the main character in

today's soccer scene.

At almost 40, after more than 20 years of top soccer, he broke records, and had an exemplary season with Juventus and Italy (Champions and qualified for the World Cup Finals).



Continental scoring record during that sensational UEFA Cup campaign.

But there's little doubt that at international level West Germany are top of the European roost, and almost reluctantly I feel obliged to vote for last year's winner, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, simply because no one better has come

So in a poor year my voting card reads: 1. Rummenigge. 2. Wark. 3. Kipiani.

GRAHAM TURNER,

Almost all equal

I EXPECT Karl-Heinz Rummenigge to win the title again. It won't be a complete victory, though. We have 20-30 class players at the top of European football and they are almost equal.

During the past year Rum-menigge has made five-star per-formances for Bayern Munich and West Germany regularly. That is the sort of consistency you need to win the award.

Also Rumenigge's club mate Paul Breitner deserves praise. Together they are 50 per cent of

Bayern's strike force.
John Wark's impressive scoring record for Ipswich in the UEFA Cup should get him some votes.
But I think Rummenigge will retain his title. But 1981 has been

like 1977, when nobody knew who was going to win. My compatriot Allan Simonsen won it then.

JENS CHR. NØHR, DENMARK



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OTBALLER OF THE YEAR?



Thijssen, the man whose skill and attitude is transforming steadily the image of the traditional British game, could also challenge the title of Best European Player.

DAN CRISTEA,

RUMANIA.

Another award for Frans THE major events of a rather pale

1981 were, I'm afraid, the European Cup Finals and I believe that when the voting for the European Player of the Year takes place, many of the France-Football journalists will remember the exciting two-leg UEFA Cup Final between Ipswich and AZ '67.

So don't be surprised if a player from Adidas' team of the season gets the award and my view is that England's Player of the Year, Ips-wich and Holland midfielder Frans Thijssen, will get the biggest slice of the votes.

Watch out for some competition from last year's winner Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, though, while "European top scorer" John Wark has also a chance.

> JOSE FERNANDES, PORTUGAL.

Michel's magic

IT'S been a poor year for the super-stars of European football. Soccer has become a team game and individuals are having less oppor-tunities to show what they can do. Individual skills are too often sac-rificed for the team pattern. Although 1981 wasn't a great year for St-Etienne, Michel Platini has still stood out whenever I've

seen him.

It was also his opening goal in Paris last month — a wonderful curling free-kick — that helped put Holland out of the World Cup.

I wish there were more candidates so my choice would be more difficult. It would also be nice if there were Dutch players in contention but there exercise. tention, but there aren't.

BERT JONGEN, HOLLAND.

Blokhin back

IN no particular order, I'd go for Dino Zoff, Oleg Blokhin and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge. Zoff, now 39, has had a good year; helped Juventus to win the

Championship and performed well for Italy.

Blokhin has been forgotten a little

after winning the award in 1975. He was the top scorer as his club, Dynamo Kicv, won the title and has found his best form again in the USSR national team.

Rummenigge was the Bundes-liga's leading scorer; his club, Bayern Munich, were Champions and he's been a regular scorer for West Germany, whom he captains.

KARL-HEINZ JENS, WEST GERMANY.

Powerful Horst

IT'S not been a classic year, but whenever I've seen the Hamburger SV and West Germany striker Horst Hrubesch he's always looked very powerful ... the complete centre-forward. I think Paul Mariner deserves something for the way he's played for Ipswich—and after all he did score the goal that took England to Spain. The Tbillisi winger, Shengalia, has had an outstanding year for club and an outstanding year for club and country, too.

> SERGE MAIRET, FRANCE.



Kingpin Bruno

IN a year when obvious talent has been rather scarce, I go for the Eintracht Frankfurt and Austrian stopper or sweeper Bruno Pezzey.

He is the kingpin of both teams, an excellent header of the ball, very good technician and also scores a lot of goals on his offensive forays.

The Germans are very careful with the title "world-class" but Pezzey is one of the very few players in the Bundesliga to be classed that way. (In England every second player seemed to be labelled world-class.)

Next to Pezzey I would place the Tbilisi sweeper Alexander Chivadze, his team-mate, brilliant midfielder David Kipiani and Paul Breitner, even though he failed badly versus Liverpool in the European Cup.

FRANK SJÖMAN SWEDEN.

Bayern star's special trophy

THAT a truly outstanding European Footballer of the Year is so difficult to find proves the European game is placing more emphasis on team performance rather than individuals.

At the end of the day, a flash of individual genius wins games. Like Alan Kennedy's inspired moment against Real Madrid, or Ricky Villa's solo goal that won the F.A.

Cup for Spurs.
To find the European Player of the Year you look first at the sides that have won something. Liverpool's performance in winning the European Cup was hardly memorable and no one in The Reds' lineup has been consistently outstanding

standing.

Ipswich won the UEFA Cup, but almost threw it away with a suicidal performance in Holland for the second-leg against AZ '67. The pick of Ipswich must be goal king John Wark, already voted Europe's Young Player of the Year.

Dynamo Tbilisi deservedly won the Cup-Winners' Cup and anyone who saw their performance against West Ham at Upton Park will never forget it. Their general is David Kipiani, although he has the disadvantage of receiving less Press coverage in the West than his Euro rivals. his Euro rivals.

HOW IT WORKS

France Football ask their correspondents to vote for five players on performances during the year. First choice receives five points down to one point for fifth choice.

After leading France to the World Cup Finals, Michel Platini has had a boost, although his 1981 form has been patchy.

I've no doubt that Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, winner of 49 inter-national caps, will retain the Euro crown he won last year. He's scored regularly for Bayern Munich and West Germany, who seem Europe's best bet for World Cup

glory next summer.

Being chosen as Europen Footballer of the Year gave the 26-year-old striker immense satisfaction.

His brother runs a sports shop in Bavaria and on display are all the medals and trophies Karl-Heinz

has won during his career.
Except one: the European Player of the Year trophy, which Rummenigge keeps at his home.
Chances are he'll soon have another to go beside it.

CHRIS DAVIES.



FIRST

1956 Stanley Matthews (Blackpool)
1957 Alfredo di Stefano (Real Madrid)
1958 Raymond Kopa (Real Madrid)
1959 Alfredo di Stefano (Real Madrid)
1960 Luis Suarez (Barcelona)
1961 Omar Sivori (Juventus)
1962 Josef Masopust (Dukla Prague)
1963 Lev Yashin (Moscow Dynamo)
1964 Denis Law (Manchester United)
1966 Bobby Charlton (Manchester United)
1966 Bobhy Charlton (Manchester United)
1967 Florian Albert (Ferencvaros)
1968 George Best (Manchester United)
1969 Gianni Rivera (AC Milan)
1970 Gerd Muller (Bayern Munich)
1971 Johan Cruyff (Barcelona)
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1975 Oleg Blokhin (Dynamo Kiev)
1976 Franz Beckenbauer (Bayern Munich)
1977 Allan Simonsen (Borussia)
Moenchengladbach)

1978 Kevin Keegan (Hamburger SV) 1979 Kevin Keegan (Hamburger SV) 1980 Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (Bayern Munich)

RUNNER-UP

Alfredo di Stefano (Real Madrid)
Billy Wright (Wolverhampton Wanderers)
Helmut Rahn (Rot-Weiss Essen)
Raymond Kopa (Reims)
Ferenc Puskas (Real Madrid)
Luis Suarez (Internazionale)
Euseblo (Benfica)
Gianni Rivera (AC Milan)
Luis Suarez (Internazionale)
Giacinto Facchetti (Internazionale)
Euseblo (Benfica)
Bobby Charlton (Manchester United)
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Buig Riva (Cagliari)
Bobby Moore (West Ham United)
Sandro Mazzola (Internazionale)
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Franz Beckenbauer (Bayern Munich)
Franz Beckenbauer (Bayern Munich)
Robbie Rensenbrink (Anderlecht)
Kevin Keegan (Hamburger SV)

Hans Krankl (Barcelona) Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (Bayern Munich) Bernd Schuster (Barcelona)

*When Rummenigge won the award last year he collected more votes than any previous winner: 122 out of a possible 125.



ICKEY Thomas' loveaffair at Goodison Park lasted less than four months.

He signed for Everton from Manchester United in July, and in early November was sent packing by Howard Kendall for refusing to play in a reserve team game.

The Everton boss was quick to defend his actions. "Thomas let me down, the players and the supporters," he said. "I was not going to be told by anyone who played in my team."

played in my team."
Thomas is now settling to life at
Brighton following a £400,000

'Choice'

"I didn't want to leave Everton," he told SHOOT. "But Howard Kendall didn't leave me with much choice."

The row that saw Thomas make a controversial exit from Goodison Park erupted when Kendall asked the Welsh international to play for the reserves.

Thomas had missed two games with a hamstring injury and Kendall wanted him to prove his fitness before putting him back in the senior team.

"I told the manager that I had never done that before and I wasn't about to start," says Thomas.

'At the time I believed my stand was right. But looking back on the decision, I suppose I was too hasty.

Thomas did not play for the reserves, and Kendall, with a no-nonsense approach, showed

behind his row with Everton

DOUBLE

Thomas goes close for Everton against Brighton at Goodison Park this season (helow). ark this season (below).



him the door.
"He made it plain that I had no future at the club," says Thomas.
"That disappointed me and when Brighton showed an interest I jumped at the chance of a fresh start."

A lot of harsh things were said by both parties after the two had gone their separate ways. Thomas was reported to have muttered

that forgetting Everton would not be too difficult because he had not enjoyed himself at the club. "I didn't say that," storms Thomas. "I love Everton. I stood on

the terraces as a boy and watched them. It was like a dream come true when I signed for them from Manchester United in the summer.

What I said was that Everton were a part of my past, and I had to get on with the job at Brighton

"I didn't get on with Howard Kendall, but that's a different thing.

"I never knew where I stood with him and I don't think I was alone. I think he wanted to sell somebody around the time that I was pushed out and I gave him the excuse he needed. I'm sorry about

that.
"But I still love Everton and their supporters, who were very good to me. I wish them well."

The Kendall/Thomas row could not have come at a better time for Mike Bailey. He wanted to balance the left-side of the midfield at **Brighton and Thomas fitted the bill**

perfectly.
"Mike is quiet, but gets on with the job very effectively," says

Thomas.

"He's building a team quite capable of living with the best.

"My problem now is settling again. I had just bought a house on Merseyside which we hadn't

moved into.
"I was looking forward to
getting out of the hotel that my
wife, son and I had been living in. Now I've got all that again. It takes its toll you know."

Thomas is determined to

knuckle down and prove that Everton were wrong to let him go. "It's a big challenge. The set-up at Brighton is nothing like it was at Goodison, but it's a friendly little club and the South Coast is a lovely place to live," he says. "I've signed a four-year contract

and have every intention of seeing it out. I want success and Brighton can provide it."

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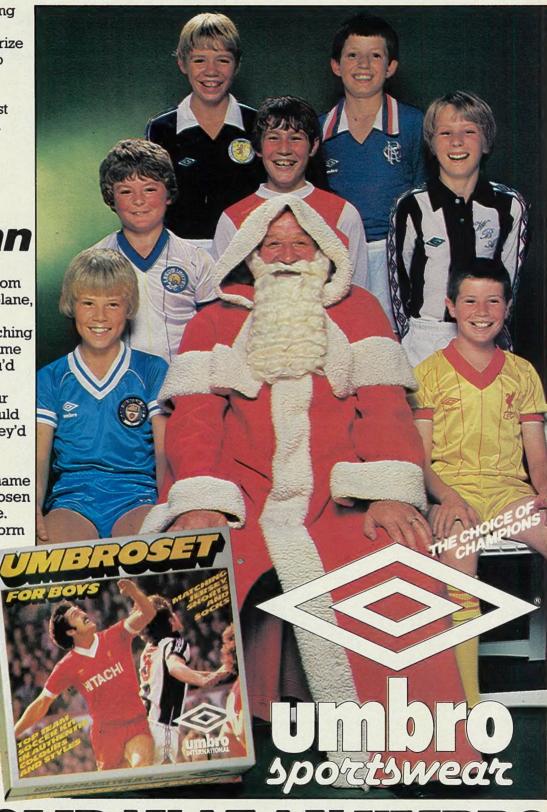
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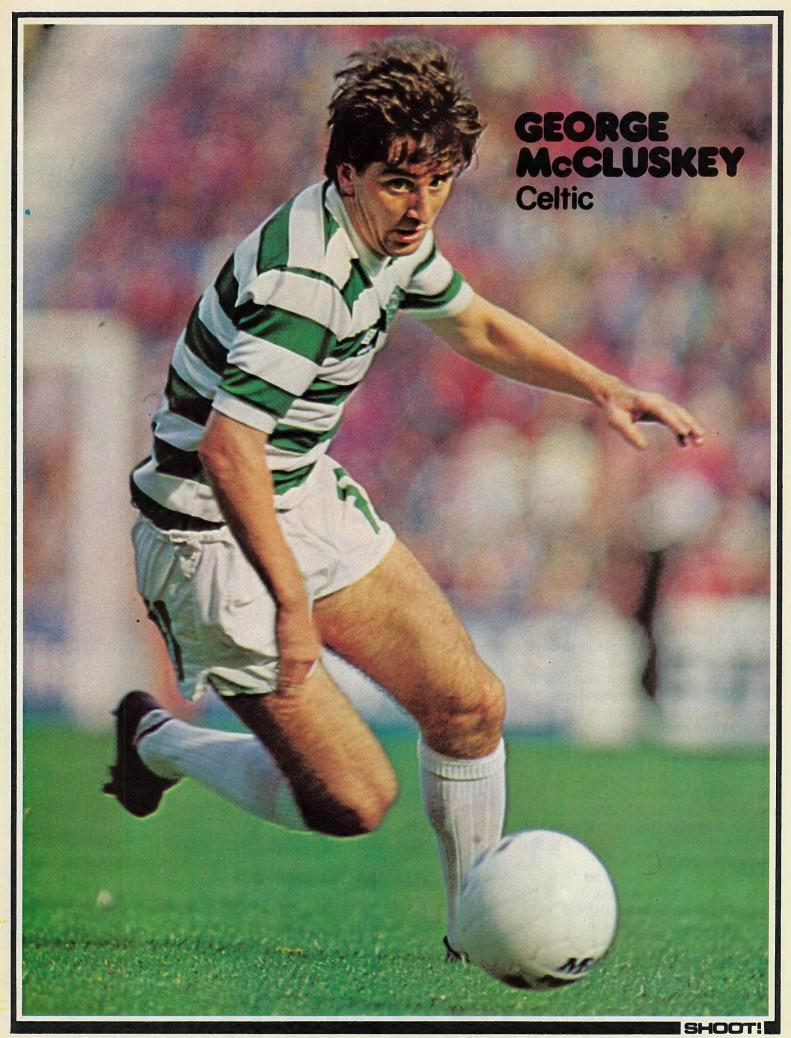
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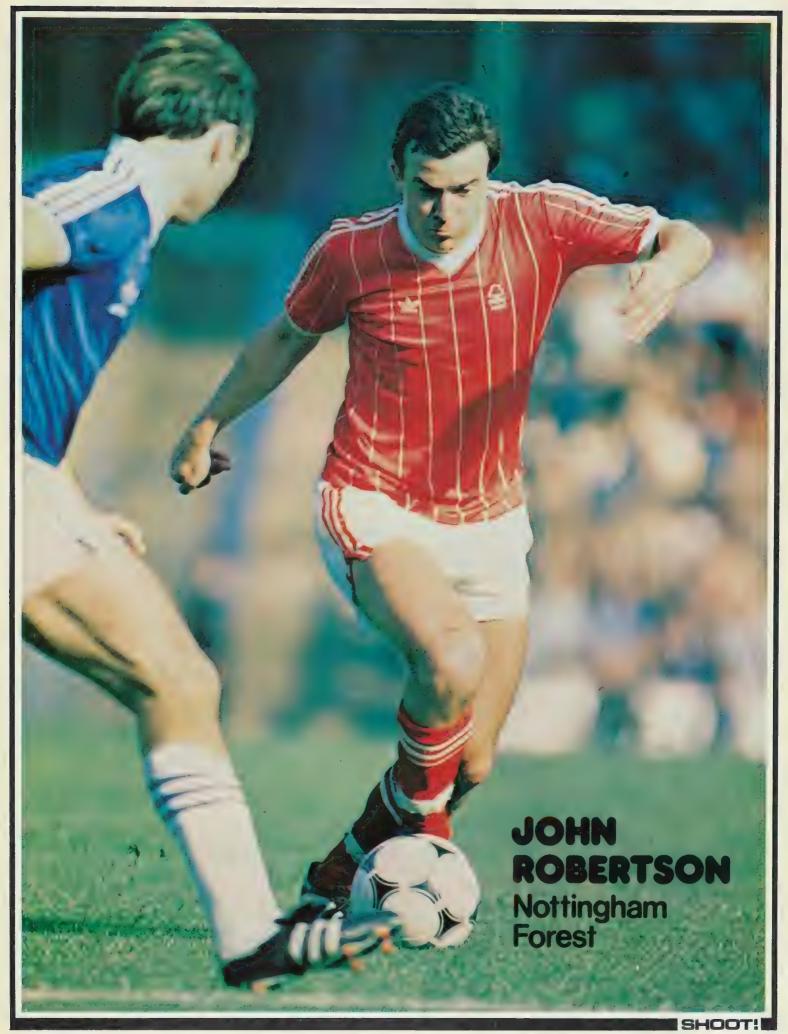
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PORTUGAL's World Cup elimination is having serious repercussions at all levels — even in Parliament! Several s have tabled questions about the £175,000 of government money spent on preparing the national team's disastrous World Cup campaign.

BRAZIL's left-back Junior recently passed a milestone in his football career. On November 8 he played his 500th game for his club Flamengo, which works out at over 71 games per year. In addition, Junior has also won 28 Brazil caps.

CHILE'S ACE OF HEARTS

AMUSING comment in the Chilean

AMUSING comment in the Chilean Press following the reappearance of the country's top talent Patricio Yanez after a spell in hospital.

His problem was merely a tonsil operation, but his doctors rocked the country by declaring that the San Luis and Chile star was suffering from a heart condition that endangered his life. "He's got a time-bomb in his heart," they alleged, "and it could explode at any moment if he continues as a professional footballer."

The news naturally created great

The news naturally created great consternation in San Luis and the national team circles, with Chile pinning a fair proportion of their World Cup

hopes on Yanez's explosive talents.
So further examinations took place, with 'rival' doctors stating that there was no heart problem at all, while the

was no heart problem at all, while the original doctors were adamant that their diagnosis was correct.
Finally Yanez made his return to League football against Colo Colo, and it was here that the amusing comment appeared in a match report.
It began: "Following all the violent controversy about whether Patricio Yanez was medically fit to play football, Colo Colo defender Hormazabal decided to settle the matter once and for all by to settle the matter once and for all by kicking him to death in the first five

minutes." Nice one!

The Clown

THE Argentine authorities are investigating a slightly suspicious scoreline recorded in a vital promotion match in the province of Tucuman.

After San José and Unión Aconquija had drawn their final game, promotion rivals Santa Ana were faced with the task of winning their final fixture by 11

clear goals to clinch a promotion place.

They won their game against Sporting Trinidad 15-0 . . .

pulled in a record crowd for this season, 25,448, for the I-I draw with St. Etienne. But four days later only 7,746 turned up for the visit of Hamburger SV in an UEFA Cup match. Although the Bordeaux area is not badly hit by

area is not basty nit of unemployment, it appears that many fans, including more than 2,000 season ticket holders, refused to pay the prices, doubled, for the UEFA Cup game.

Compiled by CHRIS DAVIES



evening that England clinched a World Cup place by beating Hungary, the man who denied England a place in the 1974 World Cup was saying his farewell to inter-national football.

Polish goalkeeper Jan Tomaszewski, who kept England at bay in 1973, played the first 45 minutes of Poland's friendly against Spain in Lodz, and insists that he'll never again represent his country.

again represent his country.
The 33-year-old Tomaszewski, now playing for Hércules in Spain, has played 65
international matches with
Poland, and it was generally
expected that he wouldn't retire from the national team until after the World Cup Finals.





NICE gesture of Boca Juniors' Brindisi to give his shirt to this young Argentine supporter after the classic Boca/River Plate derby in Buenos

ERROL BENNETT, five times Foot-baller of the Year in Tahiti, is the only player from the "dream island"

only player from the "dream island" ever to play as a pro in Europe . . . with Paris St. Germain. Now at 27 and at his peak he has become a mormon minister and quit the game, for his new religion bor-bids all physical activity on Sunday.

SACKED -now he's back

IT'S proving to be an er . . . interesting season for Atlético Madrid.
At one stage last season it looked as

though they were going to walk away with the Spanish League title, but their form suddenly plummeted.

Then manager García Traid was sacked after a pre-season incident with Brazilian midfielder Dirceu (see World Wide September 19th) and Luis Carriega took over.

Atlético's form under Carriega has been dismal, and after just 11 League games the manager handed in his resignation.

His replacement is none other than . . . García Traid!

GATES UP INSWEDEN

THE 1981 season ended in Sweden with Thomas Ravelli, the goalkeeper of Champions Oster IFK, being awarded the golden ball as Footballer of the Year awarded by the Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet.

Six foot six, Ravelli has been watched by several English and West German clubs and is the natural successor to Ronnie Hellstrom, the Kaiserslautern keeper who starred for Sweden in the last three World Cups.

Compared with the previous season in 1980 gates in the top flight were up slightly, but only from an average of 6,208 per game to 6,298 — it reverses the trend of the last five years, though.

Surprise choice

choice to succeed Stefan Kovacs as Rumania's national team manager.

Kovacs was abruptly sacked after the 1-2 home defeat by Switzerland, and faw people thought that a man as young and inexperienced as 36-year-old Lucescu would be given the job, even though his playing record with Dynamo Bucharest and the national team was

In fact Lucescu captained Rumania's 1970 World Cup side, and retired from active football only two years ago to begin a managerial career with Corvinul.

News flashes

Legendary Brazilian winger Garrincha had a sad 45th birthday this year. He spent it in hospital in Rio de Janeiro after being re-admitted in a new attempt to cure his drinking problems.

 In Novi Sad the local team Vojvodina had their captain sent-off in most unusual circumstances. unusual circumstances. Frustrated by what he thought were bad refereeing decisions Jan Mohus took off a boot and threw it at the referee . . . and of course collected a red card.

• In Italy's 1-1 draw with Greece, Juventus goalkeeper Dino Zoff beat the Italian all-time record of 94 caps previously held by Inter-Milan left-back Giacinto Facchetti. Zoff, now 39, has never missed a club match in the last nine club match in the last nine seasons and during that time, 276 League games in a row, he has helped win 157 with only 38 defeats and conceded only 156 goals, which is only just over half a goal per game.

In a French First Division match, Bordeaux

SERGINHO and Jorge Mendonça, the two most consistent goalscorers in the São Paulo League, have arranged a bet. The one who scores the least number of goals in the next phase of the Brazilian Championship will have to pay for a lorry-load of foodstuffs to be distributed to a children's charitable institution in São Paulo.

institution in São Paulo.

Meanwhile in West Germany Toni
Schumacher has bet his Cologne
team-mates Allofs and Fischer that he
will concede less than 40 goals in the
Bundesliga programme of 34 matches
— for every goal over 40 the two
forwards will receive a bottle of

champagne.

However, for every goal under 40 conceded, Schumacher will receive two bottles of champagne from his colleagues!

Barcelona doing fine

BARCELONA manager Udo Lattek (right) has been forced to take emergency measures in a bid to stem the tide of yellow and red cards that threatens to engulf the side's title challenge.

challenge.
In their opening nine games the Barcelona players collected 15 yellow cards and three red ones, forcing Lattek to bring in a system of hefty fines for players who needlessly pick up

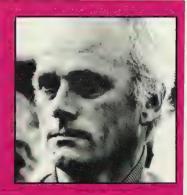
in the following two games none of

the team were cautioned . . . Barcelona haven't had any luck with their four new signings this season,

though.

Urruticoechea, Morán and Victor have all been sidelined with injuries, and now international full-back Gerardo is out for a couple of months following an operation to put right a complicated groin injury.

The funny thing is that Barcelona seem to be doing very well thank you without their new signings.



AN Redford, like his Hollywood namesake Robert, seems destined to play the starring roles in all the big productions.

Redford, Rangers' most expensive signing at £210,000 from Dundee a couple of years ago, was the man in the spotlight yet again when he scored the dramatic winning goal against Dundee United in the Scottish League Cup Final showdown at Hampden Park.

United, looking for a hat-trick of victories in the tournament, were shattered when Redford, a second-half substitute, decided to catapult into the headlines once more.

"People have said it was freak goal," says Redford. "But it was intentional Honestly

intentional. Honestly.

"As I recall it, Paul Hegarty headed the ball out of the United penalty-area. It dropped at my feet and normally in those circumstances from about 25 yards out I would swing over a cross for one of the big men such as Derek Johnstone.

"However, on this occasion I noticed that United goalkeeper Hamish McAlpine had come off his goal-line slightly.

"I decided to try a lob for the far corner . . . and in it went. "I'm getting used to doing

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP FINAL

Rangers switch tames Terrors

something out of the usual in the dying minutes of important Cupties.

"Remember, I missed a last minute penalty against United in the Scottish Cup Final last season before we won the replay.

"And even before that we were only a few seconds from going out of the Cup when we were losing 3-2 to St. Johnstone at Muirton when I headed the equaliser."

Dundee United will still be

Dundee United will still be counting themselves unfortunate to lose their grip on the trophy they were coming to regard as their own personal property.

Magnificent

They took the lead early in the second-half when the electric pace of Ralph Milne enabled him to reach a magnificent pass from Paul Sturrock and score.

A few minutes later Sturrock again beat Rangers 'keeper Jim Stewart, but this time the effort was disallowed because United's John Holt was offside.

The Tannadice Terrors claimed that Holt was not interfering with play, but there is little doubt that this incident was the turning point of an absorbing encounter in which United were unable to capitalise on their domination.

Rangers manager John Greig admitted; "Yes, we took stock of things after that Sturrock attempt was disallowed.

"I changed things a bit by





Another trophy for the Rangers display cabinet following their dramatic victory over Dundee United in the Scottish League Cup Final at Hampden.

IAN REDFORD

switching the roles of Sandy Jardine and Gregor Stevens and, of course, I put on lan Redford for young Gordon Dalziel, who had taken a knock."

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Davie Cooper hit the equaliser direct from a free-kick which had the unfortunate Hamish McAlpine scrambling at his left-hand poet

scrambling at his left-hand post.
And McAlpine was left rather bemused with only three minutes to go when Redford floated the ball over his head for the winner.

It means Rangers have beaten the Tannadice side in two major Cup Finals in the past seven months and have now booked a place in Europe next season via the UEFA Cup.

Ibrox boss Greig added: "It's nice to be guaranteed a European position so early in the season, but obviously I would prefer my club to be involved in the European Cup or the Cup-Winters' Cup. We'll be

having a go at the big one.

"The victory over United has given us fresh confidence just when we needed it most."

One startling statistic emerges from Rangers' triumph . . . they have not lost a Cup Final at Hampden to any team other than Celtic since 1952, when they went down 3-2 to Dundee in the League Cup!



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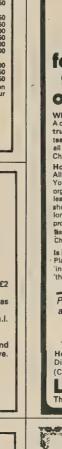
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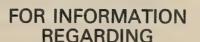
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HERE's no greater thrill for me than to become the first Liverpool captain to raise a trophy in front of our fans.

It happened last season when I had the honour of leading The Reds to their first-ever League Cup triumph — and I've got my fingers crossed that this Sunday marks another "football first" for the club and me!

Winners of the World Club Championship, an honour for which we've never before competed!

Once again the Champions of **Europe meet the Champions of** South America in the capital of Japan, Tokyo. Before this neutral venue was chosen, the Final was played on a two-legged basis, but because of the violence that flared in South America during the first-leg between Manchester United and Estudiantes in 1968, when United's players were given an on-field mugging, Liverpool have refused to take part.

We're fortunate we're not making a journey into the unknown, as Forest did last year when they were unlucky to lose 1-0 to Nacional. Thanks to Brian Clough's men we know what to expect as far as living and playing conditions are concerned.

The stadium is nothing special — not like Brazil's Maracana or Real Madrid's Bernabeu — and the pitch resembles a churned-up seaside beach, a far cry from our home ground at Anfield.

To some critics, it probably seems arrogant for the Champions of only two continents to compete for a World Championship. But I'm convinced that even if there was a competition between them all Europe v South America would be the final outcome

I can't imagine that any other areas play the game to such a high standard.

Our opponents, Flamengo of Brazil, took three games against Chilean Champions Cobreloa to earn the right to represent South America

In the last deciding game five players were sent off, a sign of the passion and fury that often mars their football.



that could be us!





I'm sure the players aren't solely to blame. The crowds there get so excitable, so worked up, they incite the players to violence.

In my experience of playing South American sides at Wembley, they are capable of keeping their tempers under control, although there's always the feeling that some of them are on a short fuse.

The match will display a real

'Playing against Zico will be a big test for me'

contrast in styles. South Americans seem to be blessed with more natural ball skills, are more agile, and are encouraged to be individuals, to do their own thing. All that arm waving and foot-on-the-ball stuff wouldn't be allowed by our coaches.
We can't compete with them for

showmanship and putting on the style, but where we can outdo them is in teamwork and sheer hard graft.
These are the qualities drilled into

Liverpool players, and which have made us the most successful club in Britain and three-time European

Champions.

What we have learnt from the South Americans is the art of scoring from set-piece moves, such as corners and free-kicks. I can remember how, after watching the Brazilians win the 1970 World Cup, every team in England was placing one or more men in opponents' defensive walls and "bending" their kicks.

Though we'll be given a full briefing on how Flamengo play and their line-up during the long flight out to Tokyo, we already know they provide four players to the national team, and that one of them is the brilliant Zico.

Zico, who scored four of the goals against Cobreloa, has already earned the nickname "The White Pele". I've played against him once before - in the American Bi-Centennial in 1976 - when the Brazilians beat us with a late goal and again I'll face a big test.

I believe Flamengo are almost at the end of their season, which means they'll be around their peak, so we're bound to be under a lot of pressure right from the kick-off. But this is something we're used to at Liverpool.

Patience

We must keep calm and retain possession as much as possible in order to throw the Brazilians out of their rhythm and make them frustrated. Patience must be our watchword.

We know from experience that Brazilians hate playing strong sides
— strong on discipline and strong in the tackle.

Once we've got them rattled we can start to open up in attack and give them a taste of Reds on the

rampage.
It'll be interesting to see how many fans Flamengo bring with them, and also to gauge the reactions of the Japanese fans. Whether they'll do an inscrutable Oriental act, or jump about and cheer like our fans.

Judging by the trips I've seen advertised around Merseyside, and the competitions with travel and tickets as prizes, such as the one run by Radio City, there'll be a

sizeable Liverpool contingent. Radio City offered four trips, and my brother and brother-in-law are among 10,000 entries. They've also entered for another competition, organised by Toyota cars, sponsors

of the big game.

This will also mark my first visit to the Land of the Rising Sun, which I hope sets on Sunday on scenes of celebration in the Liverpool camp with the chant of "We are the Champions" filling the night sky!



HERE are nine players currently performing in the Football League who cost their clubs at least £1,000,000.

Doubtless that figure will soon be swelled as desperate managers seek to buy their way to success or out of trouble.

But in Scotland, a nation famed for keeping a tight grip on the purse strings, it is an entirely different situation.

No Scottish boss has ever paid more than £320,000 for a player, and even six-figure transfers are

the exception rather than the rule. But a look at the dealings of Scotland's big four — Celtic, Rangers, Aberdeen and Dundee United proves that maybe the English managers could learn a lesson in frugality from their Scottish counterparts.

No manager has been more active in recent years in the transfer market than RANGERS' John Greig, who has worked long and hard since he took over in 1978 to reshape the Ibrox side.

Greig has spent more than £900,000 on new players, but has also brought in a fair amount of cash with the sales of players such Parlane (Leeds United), Derek Parlane (Leeds United), Billy Urquhart (Wigan), Alex MacDonald and Jim Denny (Hearts) and Eric Morris and Davie Armour (Ayr

Here is the SHOOT verdict on the men who have arrived at Ibrox.

JIM STEWART: Cost £110,000 from Middlesbrough at the tail end of last season and helped the club to their Scottish Cup victory. Has already attracted the attention of Jock Stein and was sorely missed earlier in the term when injured. Verdict: A HiT.

WILLIE JOHNSTON: Cost only Vancouver from Whitecaps to return to Ibrox where, of course, he started his career before spells in England

with WBA and Birmingham. Sadly, it seems the years have robbed the little winger of his extraordinary talents. A MISS.

GREGOR STEVENS: Cost

£150,000 from Leicester City and, Johnston, has hardly been consistent. It appears he has difficulty in finding a back-four partner to complement his aggressive style. He has played alongside Tom Forsyth, Colin Jackson and John McClelland, but has still to settle. A MISS

IAN REDFORD: Cost £210,000 from Dundee and has not really taken off yet. He has been played as an attacking left-sided defender, a midfielder and a front man. But he has so much class and style that

he surely will come good in the near future. A HIT.

JIM BETT: Cost £170,000 from Belgian club SK Lokeren and began his Ibrox career magnificently. Consistency, though, has also deserted him. He has had nearly a few field and his form. problems off the field and his form

has suffered. A MISS. COLIN McADAM: Cost £170,000 from Partick Thistle and started last season in a storm of goals. He looked like being a real bargain, but, like some of his other colleagues, his form has also nosedived. His career may receive a boost if he is moved back to central defence . . . a position he has occupied in the past. He could turn out to be A HIT.

JOHN McCLELLAND:

£90,000 from Mansfield Town during the close season and possibly it is too early to assess the Northern Ireland international. He hasn't started well, though, and that must be worrying manager Greig. Still, he could come good once he settles in. It wouldn't be fair to

MORE HITS THAN MISSES AMONGST THE BIG FOUR'S TRANSFER DEALS *******************

Colin McAdam

to justify the £170,000 Rangers boss John Greig paid for him, but a move from attack

defence could

...... **Celtic boss Billy** McNeill has made many shrewd purchases, but Dom Sullivan (far left) has proved to be one of his deals which has not been an unqualified Success:

judge him just yet.
While Rangers have been forced into hectic action in the transfer market, their age-old rivals CELTIC have had it a bit easier, with a conveyor belt of youngsters knocking on the first team door.

WILLIE GARNER: Cost £45,000 to replace Roddie MacDonald, sold to Hearts for the same fee, but his new career has had a nightmare beginning. He scored two own goals in his first game at Parkhead, St. Mirren winning 3-1 in the League Cup. Garner again strug-gled when St. Johnstone shocked Celtic in another League Cup-tie, winning 2-0 at Muirton, and it was back into the reserves for the big centre-half. A MiSS.

McGARVEY: FRANK E275,000 from Liverpool two seasons ago and is rapidly maturing into a marvellous front line man alongside either Charlie Nicholas or George McCluskey. No doubts

about him. A HIT.
DAVIE PROVAN: Cost a measly
£125,000 from Kilmarnock three years ago and is now a key man in Scotland's International plans. A HIT

MURDO MacLEOD: Cost another bargain £100,000 from Dumbarton and is tipped as a possible candi-date for Scotland to replace Archie Gemmill or Asa Hartford on the left of the midfield. A HIT. DOM SULLIVAN: Cost £80,000

from Aberdeen, but hasn't quite taken off in the manner of McGar-vey, Provan or MacLeod. Time isn't on the side of the 30-year-old mid-

Eamonn Bannon failed to make his mark at Chelsea, but his form for Dundee United has delighted Tannadice manager Jim McLean.



will be vital if he is to prove he is not A MISS.

ABERDEEN have been better known as big money sellers in the past by releasing players such as Martin Buchan, Jimmy Smith, Joe Harper, Tommy Craig, Willie Young and Steve Archibald among others, but manager Alex Fergues has to be applied for trying son has to be applauded for trying to halt that trend.

MARK McGHEE: Cost £80,000 from Newcastle and was the side's most consistent player last season although his goal supply dried up during the vital run-in to the programme. Still, he has done well since becoming the main striker. A

WALKER McCALL: Cost a bargain £30,000 from America when he returned to Pittodrie. Sadly,

Andy Harrow scores a rare goal for Aberdeen, against Partick. But the striker signed from Luton has not proved an adequate replacement for Steve Archibald, so Pittodrie boss Alex Ferguson must continue his search for a consistent goalscorer.

Walker's enthusiasm hasn't been matched by his performances. A

ANDY HARROW: Cost £80,000 from Luton, but, like McCall, hasn't

shown any consistency in the goalscoring stakes. A MISS. PETER WEIR: Cost £320,000 from St. Mirren in the close season and is destined to become one of the most electrifying wingers in the game. Injury hampered his early form, but there's no doubt

that the money spent on him will bring deserved rewards. A HIT. At Tannadice Park, DUNDEE UNITED manager Jim McLean concentrates on bringing in the babes,

but the cash he has put out in the past has been spent wisely EAMONN BANNON: Cost £225,000 from Chelsea two years ago and is now maturing into one of Scotland's best left-sided midfield raiders. A HiT.

IAIN PHILLIP: Cost £30,000 from Dundee and his experience in mid-field, where he is the anchor man, has been vital. A HIT.





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T would take a brave man to bet against the minority of hooligan fans who follow England causing more trouble during the World Cup Finals.

While everyone connected with England is delighted to be in the Finals, the big worry is whether once again the thugs who pretend to be England supporters will drag the country's name through the mud.

Whatever happens during the World Cup Finals is seen around the world. It's televised, reported and talked about. Even seemingly innocuous incidents become talking points once every four vears.

Fighting

With this in mind, I dread to think what might happen if we see a repeat of the fighting that's occurred in Italy, Switzerland and Norway over the past 18 months.

The sad thing is that countries love playing England — the team have always been welcome visitors, but no longer are we welcome because of our fans.

Most of the England supporters are marvellous. They were terrific against Hungary at Wembley — although it was still upsetting to hear the way the Hungarian national anthem was abused.

Other countries show respect for God Save The Queen and we must start to do likewise for their

anthems.

I can sympathise with UEFA who apparently awarded France the 1984 **European Championship Finals** ahead of England because of our record of hooliganism.
The pity is that most English fans

would have given good support to the Finals — now they won't have the chance.

I hope that the Spanish authorities take a hard line with any

It seems as if the F.A. will have no control over the allocation of World Cup tickets. Many fans will go to Spain on the off chance of seeing some games and this could make for some nasty incidents.

Apart from closing every port and airport you can't stop England supporters travelling abroad, although it's vital that the F.A. has some control over the situation.

I feel for the many true fans who follow us. They have to suffer

I think we may surprise a few people in Spain.

More immediately, United face West Ham at Old Trafford in what could be one of the outstanding games of the season.

West Ham have maintained their impressive start to the season because they have so many good players and always go looking for three points.

Partnerships

They have a fine goalkeeper in Phil Parkes... one of the best central defensive partnerships around in Alvin Martin and Billy Bonds . . . while the midfield of Alan Devonshire, Geoff Pike and Trevor Brooking stands comparison with any team's. The attack, led by David Cross and Paul Goddard, is always likely to score a goal or two.

I thought Alvin did superbly in his World Cup debut against Hungary. He has the chance to make the number five shirt his own now. Personally, I thought Ron Greenwood would pick Dave Watson, but his choice of Alvin paid

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between Bryan Robson and I.

supporters who step out of line; I'm sure they will, just as the Italians did last year.

The Italian police hit first and asked questions later - and however wrong this may be, something has to be done to stop hooligans from destroying the game

We failed to win any of the games where fighting broke out although I couldn't blame this for our failings. Against Belgium in Italy we were aware of the trouble because the game was stopped when tear gas got in our eyes

When playing, we concentrate on what's happening on the field rather than bother about what's happening on the terraces.

because of the acts of a few.

All this apart, it's a huge relief to reach the Finals — especially after hearing that countries such as Algeria and Honduras were going to be in Spain!

I believe of all the three Home countries England have the best chance of causing an upset.

We can only improve and I know that opponents don't like playing England. We beat Argentina 3-1 at Wembley. A friendly? There's no such thing these days — no one wants to lose any international game.

Brazil gave us a bit of a runaround in the first-half last May, but we came back strongly and posed them a few problems in the end.



Fourth Division. He played 88 games for them and another 143 for Blackpool before he got his chance of First Division football with Leeds

It's an education he wouldn't have missed for the world.

'His help and advice have been invaluable and given me an insight into the game which many other

Hart signed a four-year contract for Leeds last summer but has since asked for a transfer from

their struggling team
He says: "It is not a sudden decision. I've thought about it a lot and have decided that, at my age,

aul aims to

AUL HART is the player that many of his fellow professionals feel should be England's centre-half in Spain next

But the unsettled Leeds star says: "I don't think I figure much in Ron Greenwood's plans. He's watched me enough times over the past three years so if he thought I was good enough, I would have been in by now."

Not that Hart doubts his ability to do a job for his country. He says 'I think I'm as good as many of the

other centre-halves that are around at the moment.
"I feel that I've improved in my three years at Leeds and am prob-

ably reaching my peak.
"I'm 28 now and I feel that defenders do reach their peak a bit later than forwards. It's nothing specific, just a gradual increase of

your knowledge and awareness."
Hart came up the hard way,
starting with Stockport in the

wouldn't have had things other way. It helped me no end to come up through the Divisions and I'd thoroughly recommend it to

any young player.
"You have to play with a lot of old pros and that makes you learn more quickly.

"Although you're young and inconsistent, they don't put up with mistakes and they let you know it. It was tough at times but I

loved every minute of it. 'The other important about playing in the lower Divi sions is that you appreciate it more when you get into the First.

Paul's father Johnny, the ex-Manchester City manager, has also helped to fill in his football education. That's after he had failed to persuade his son that it wasn't the

right profession for him.
"I think he would rather I had done something else for a living but once I had decided, he was right behind me

it is time to move on and find a new challenge

Naturally, I am disappointed with the way things have gone After the way we pulled ourselves round last season, everyone thought we'd crack on and maybe win something this season.

'Laurels'

"That could still happen of course. I could rest on my laurels for the next four years but I don't want to do that

If he were to move to a more successful club, it obviously wouldn't harm his chances of an England call But that is not his prime motive

"I'm not thinking about a move because I think it will bring me an England cap But it goes without saying that I'd like a chance

"It's a completely different game. But I would like to have a go. And I feel I'm good enough.

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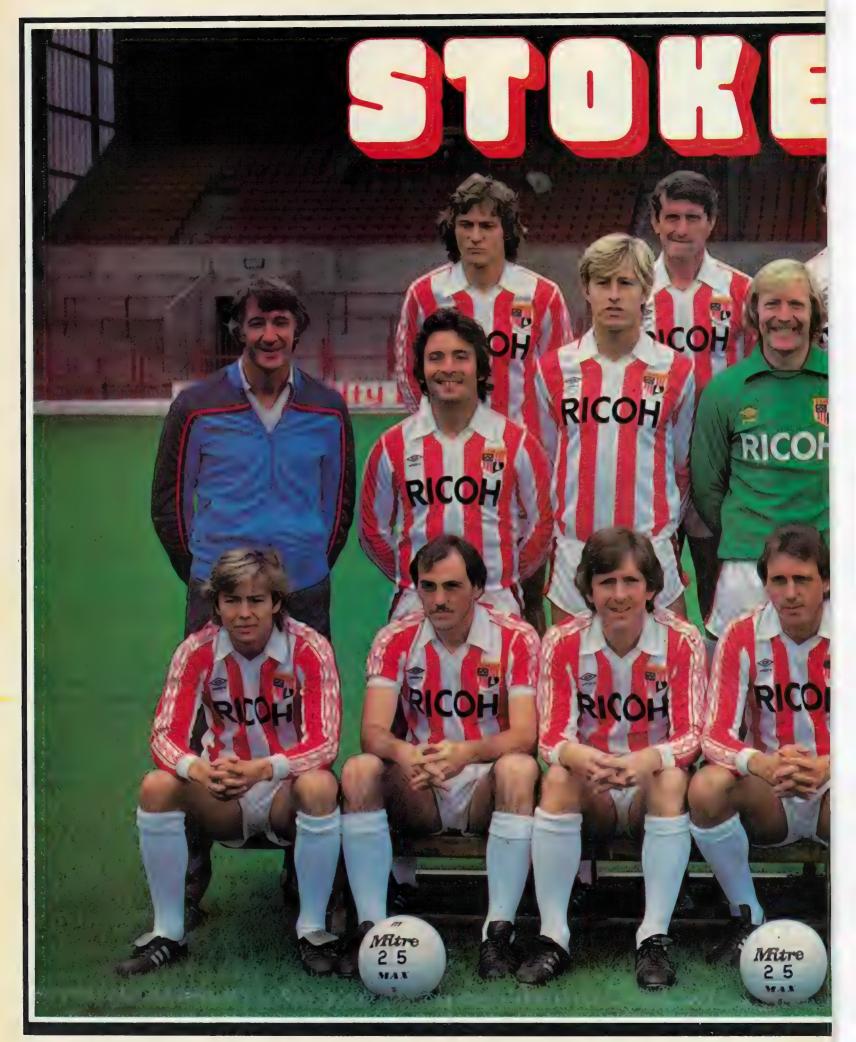
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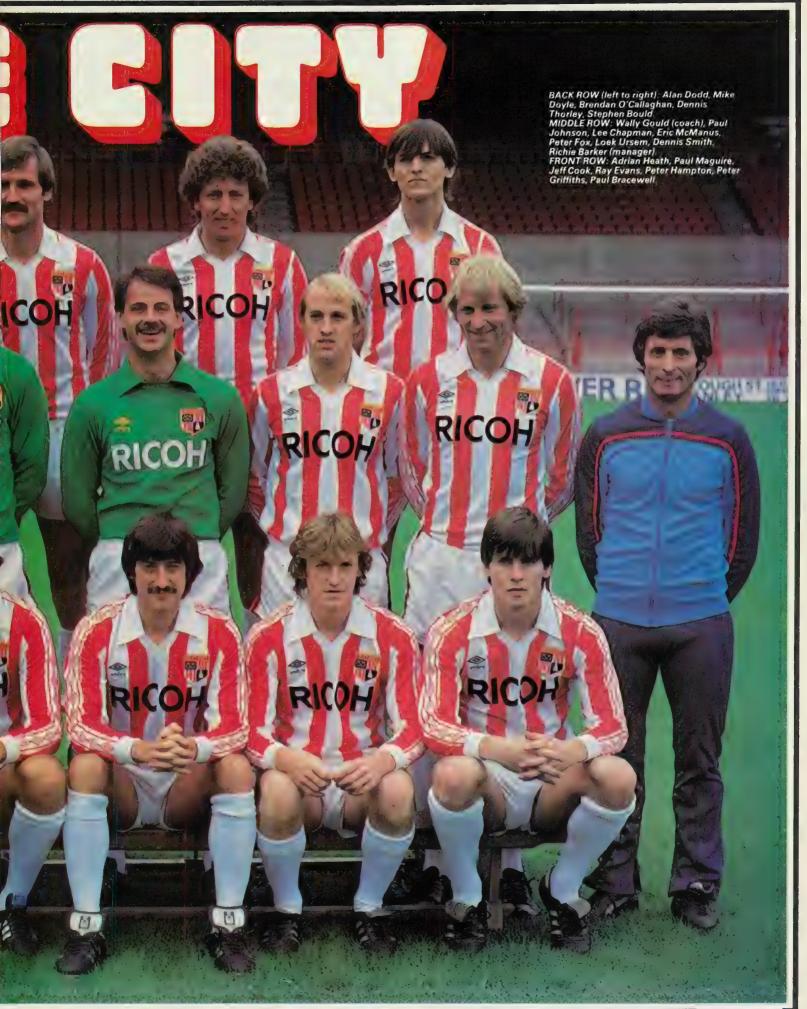


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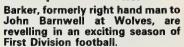
For many travelling fans Stoke is the place on the map a couple of miles off the M6 on the way to the bright, throbbing soccer strongholds of Liverpool and Manchester.

With the exception of Mike Doyle (England) and Brendan O'Callaghan (Eire) no current Stoke player has had the honour to win a full international cap, and the club's attendances average about 16,000, less than half the Victoria Ground's capacity.

Former manager Alan Durban, who left last summer to manage Sunderland, built a team for a net outlay of only £260,000, which is roughly £1,490,000 less than Manchester United paid for one player

Bryan Robson. So there is not much money, no superstars with big reputations, and not much support. But are they miserable at this Potteries club? Never.

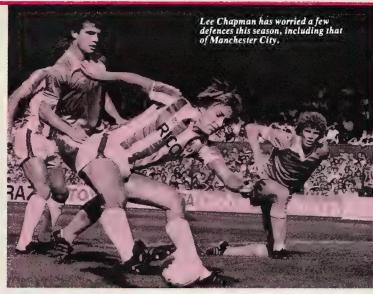
Stoke, now guided by Richie



They came a creditable 11th in the First Division last season and are challenging just as strongly in this campaign, with victories in the League over Ipswich, Everton and Arsenal among their more memorable performances.

If there is a shortage of so-called star players, there is no lack of enthusiasm and maturing talent in a young squad with its best foot-ball still to come.

Much of Stoke's success could be attributed to Barker's tactical



acumen in fashioning an exciting unit from gifted players not yet given the credit they perhaps deserve.

The promise of the younger players is appealing, starting at the back where Stoke's goalkeeper has won rave notices with his outstanding displays this season.
One moment Peter Fox is pro-

ducing lifesaving contortions on his goal-line, the next he is racing out of the penalty-area with the enthusiasm of a "sweeper".

"Fox for England" reports were

not unexpected after some stirring displays, but then he wears the jersey donned with such distinction by Gordon Banks and Peter Shilton in the past.

He plays behind a defence that is

as hard as granite, especially in the middle where Brendan O'Callaghan and Denis Smith form a barrier of muscular proportions.

Smith is officially player-coach but any thought of him concentrating on training ground activities at the expense of match-day were shattered when his enthusiasm in the reserves after injury forced Barker to re-employ him at First Division level.

'Defiantly'

"I can see things happening here now, and I want to be around when they do," says Smith

Smith has seen many players fill Stoke's number nine and eight shirts, but none more promisingly than Lee Chapman and Adrian

Chapman, a powerful six footer, comes from good stock. His father, Roy, used to play for Aston Villa and defences became acutely aware of his danger last season

when he grabbed a 17-goal haul.

Ten League goals and one in the League Cup against Manchester City, which Stoke lost in an abortive penalty shoot-out, testify to the thrilling potential of this Lin-

coln born player.

Stoke's younger players are handsomely supported by a wealth of experience. Ray Evans, the club captain, built a fine reputation at Tottenham, Millwall and Fulham, before returning to the big-time at Stoke, and Mike Doyle, whose appearances are limited these days, former England Under-23 defender Alan Dodd, and Smith complement young limbs brought on by Durban and Barker.

The ghosts of Neil Franklin, Stan Matthews and George Eastham still haunt today's Victoria Ground heroes if they have a bad game, but enough has been achieved in the past two years to suggest that the current side could shrug off a legend or two before much longer.

But it all takes time when you remain the First Division's poor



defiantly

Heath, England Under-21 strikers.

Goalkeeper Peter Fox (far left) and striker Adrian Heath (right) have helped Richie Barker (left) in his first season as Stoke

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S O England will have the chance to reign in Spain after all. I am delighted to have them along for company — no matter how lucky they are to make it.

Can anyone argue that Ron Greenwood's side are not incredibly fortunate to make it to the Finals of the World Cup? But England are there and that is that — despite a poor performance by the Hungarians.

The world spotlight has fallen on English football in the past few weeks, so I suppose Tartan Talk might as well reveal my views on the game in the South, its players and how it all compares to the soccer in Scotland.

Goalkeepers have been the big strength of the game in England over many years. In Scotland no kid at school wants to play in goal and so it is usually the worst player who is left to go between the sticks.

That isn't the case down South.
The English have three top class
'keepers battling for the
international spot.
The best of the three in my

The best of the three in my opinion is big Joe Corrigan, who has been unfortunate in as much as he has had to compete with Peter

Shilton and Ray Clemence for a

But England are equally short of talent in the centre-half department. Dave Watson, on his own admission, is well past his best now and the Ipswich pair of Russell Osman and Terry Butcher aren't quite experienced enough yet.

Although young Alvin Martin did well enough against Hungary it's too early to say whether he will wear England's number five shirt in Spain.

However, I have always had a great admiration for Phil Thompson of Liverpool who looks like

three players.

I won't be alone in numbering myself as a fan of Kevin Keegan, who really has given Scotland a hard time over the seasons, but his quality is matched by that of Trevor Francis.

If I was choosing a team of Englishmen I would link these two up with a man I consider to be the most under-rated of all First Division players down South . . . Denis Tueart of Manchester City.

Manchester City.
What a good winger he is and I never like the idea of playing against him. In fact I rate him as one of my favourite all time Englishmen,





Danny chases England's Trevor Francis (above). The Scots skipper is a big fan of the Manchester City striker, and also admires the skills of Glenn Hoddle (left).

anything but a footballer, but is in fact a very under-rated one.

I wouldn't like to face a team which included Phil and Kenny Sansom of Arsenal and Manchester United's John Gidman in it. Giddy, in particular, is a fine player, as effective going forward as he is in defence.

Midfield players? There are a few of them with useful brains and feet down South.

Liverpool's Terry McDermott is as good as any, for quite apart from his great skills I love the running he does off the ball to create space for Kenny Dalglish and company to take advantage of.

Ray Wilkins and Bryan Robson seem a bit useful too, although I have only seen Robson on a couple of occasions. But what about Glenn Hoddle of Spurs?

Glenn has some reputation in Scotland as a TV player. Every time we switch on the box he seems to be scoring another spectacular goal. Glenn certainly knows the meaning of the word "class".

Up front I just want to talk about

along with Rodney Marsh and Alan Hudson.

These two reminded me a lot of Morton's Andy Ritchie, whose style is such that no one is quite sure just what he is going to do next. Despite some people doubting as much, I am quite convinced big Andy could play in England.

And that goes for most Scottish players from our Premier Division. Very few have ever found difficulty in switching to the English game and indeed most over the years have become real stand-out stars.

You see, it is easy to play in front of big crowds . . . but how would Kevin Keegan or Trevor Brooking like to come up to Scotland and try to turn it on week in, week out in front of just a few thousand fans?

Pro players get nervous in front of small crowds. Quite apart from all that — as Ipswich have found out — Scottish football is just as competitive.

Join me again next week in SHOOT's super Christmas issue.

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Tuesday, Nov. 17

U.E.F.A. Under-21 Championship

FNGLAND (1) 2 (Thompson, Fashanu) HUNGARY (0) O(at Nottm. Forest) 8,734
England: Lukic, Fenwick, McCall, Reid, Gilbert (Caton),
Owen, Moses, Fashanu, Thompson, Shaw, Heath. Hungary: Diszti, Kerpececzky, Scucs, Vadsaz, Kardos, Andros, Kipric (Fecsku), Roth, Poloskei, Rixer, Hajszan, Melis.

League Cup

(Third Round replay)
FULHAM (2) 3 (Coney 2, Hopkins) OLDHAM (0) 0

7,085
Falkam: Peyton, Hopkins, Strong, O'Driscoll, Lock, Gale, Davies, Wilson, Coney, O'Suliven, Lewington.
Oldham: McDonnell, Sinclair, Ryan, Keegan, Clements, Futcher, Wylde, Heaton, Steel (Nuttail), McDonpugh, Atkinson.

Wednesday, Nov. 18

World Cup

(Group Three)
USSR (2) 3 (Daraselia, Blokhin, Shengalia) WALES (0) 0 (In Tbilisi) 80,000
USSR: Dassev, Borovsky, Susloparov, Demianenko,
Beltacha, Daraselia, Shengalia, Sulakvelidze, Gavrilov
(Gutsaev), Burjak, Blokhin.
Wales: Davies, Ratcliffe, Jones (Lovell), Nicholas,
Phillips, Price, Curtis, Flynn, Rush, Mahoney (Thomas),
James (L).

(Group Four)
ENGLAND (1) 1 (Mariner)
HUNGARY (0) (OAT Wembley) 92,000
England: Shitton, Neal, Mills, Thompson, Martin, Robson, Keegan, Coppell (Morley), Mariner, Brooking,

Hungary: Meszaros, Martos, Balint, Toth, Muller, Garaba, Fazekas (Kerekes), Csapo (Szanto), Torocsik, Kiss, Sallai.



(Group Str.)

N. IRELAND (1) 1 (Armstrong)
ISRAEL (0) 0(At Windsor Park)
18 (1) 10(At Windsor Park)
18 (1) 10(At Windsor Park)
19 (1) 10(At Windsor Park)
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PORTUGAL (1) 2 (Fernandes 2)

SCOTLAND (1) 1 (Sturrock) (In Lisbon) 25,000
Portagal: Bento, Frixo, Simoes, Teixeria, Eurico, Dito,
Jaime, Romeu, Fernandes, Oliveira, Costa.
Scotland: Thomson, Stewart, Gray (Kennedy),
Strachan, Hansen, Miller, Proven, Souness, Archibald,
Hartford, Sturrock (Dalglish).

Friday, Nov. 20

F.A. Cup

(First Round) BRISTOL CITY O

Saturday, Nov. 21 **First Division**

WOLVES (1) 3 (Richards, Gray, Brazier) 18,223 WOLVES (1) 3 (Richards, Gray, Brazier) 15,223 Birmingham: Coton, Langen, Dennis, Curbishley, Van Den Hauwe, Todd, Brocken (Handysides), Evans, Worthington, Gemmill, van Mierlo.
Welves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, Gallagher,

Berry, Matthews, Brazier, Gray, Richards, Eves. BRIGHTON (0) 2 (Case, Gatting) NOTTS COUNTY (2) 2 (McCulloch, Mair) 13,854

Brightse: Moseley, Shanks, Nelson, Gatting, Foster, Stevens (Ryan), Case, Smith, Robinson, McNab, Thomas.

Thomas. Netts Co: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Hunt, Kilcline, Richards, Chiedozie, Goodwin, McCulloch, Hooks, Mair.

EVERTON (0) 1 (Eastoe) SUNDERLAND (0) 2 (Ritchie pen, Elliott) 19,759 Evertea: Arnold, Stevens, Bailey, Welsh, Lyons, Lodge, Machahon, Eastoe (Richardson), Biley, Ainscow,

McBride. Sunderland: Siddall, Venison, Munro, Hindmarch, Clarke, Elliott, Buckley, McCoist, Bowyer, Pickering

MANCHESTER CITY (1) 4 (Tueart 2 (1 pen),

SWANSEA (0) 0 34,744
Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson, McDonald, Reid, Bond,
Caton (Hareide), Tueart, Reeves, Francis, Hartford,

Swasses: Davies, Hadziebdic (Giles), Stanley, Raj-koric, Inein, Stavenson, Curtis, James (R), James (L), Mahoney, Latchford.

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 3 (McAndrew pen, Ashcroft 2)
ASTON VILLA (1) 3 (Withe, Cowans, Shaw)

Middlesbraegh: Platt, Nattrass, Bolton, Ross, Baxter, McAndrew, Cochrane, Otto, Woof (Ashcroft), Hodgson, Shearer.
A. Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, Wittiams, Deacy, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.

NOTTM. FOREST (1) 1 (Fasharu)
ARSENAL (0) 2 (Sunderland, Taibot)
Nottm. Forest: Shitton, Anderson, Gunn, McGovern,
Needham, Aas, Gray, Ward, Fashanu, Proctor (Waish),

Arsenal: Jennings, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Whyte, Hollins, Sunderland, Davis, Nicholas, Rix.

SOUTHAMPTON (3) 4 (Keegan pen, Armstrong, Burns (og), Moran)
LEEDS (0) 0 21,127

Seuthempten: Katalinic, Golac, Holmes, Williams, Nicholi, Waldron, Keegan, Channon, Moran, Arm-

strong, Bell.
Leeds: Lukic, Cherry, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Burns,
Stevenson, Graham, Butterworth, Hamson, Barnes.

STOKE (0) 2 (Chapman, Maguire)

Stoke: Fox, Evans, Hampton, Dodd, O'Callaghan, Smith, Griffiths, Heath (Maguire), Chapman, Bracewell,

Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, Mills, McCatl, Osman, Butcher, Werk, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.

TOTTENHAM (2) 3 (Hazard, Roberts, Archibald)
MANCHESTER UTD (1) 1 (Birtles) 35,534
Tettenham: Clemence, Hughton, Miller, Roberts,
Hazard, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Galvin, Hoddle,

Crooks.
Mass. Utal: Roche, Ouxbury, Albiston, Wikins, Moran, Buchan (Nicholi), Robson, Birtles, Stapleton, Moses,

WBA (0) 1 (Regis)
LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Dalglish)
20,871
WBA: Grew, Batson, Statham, Whitehead, Wile,
Robertson, Jol, Brown (King), Regis, Owen, Mackenzie.
Liverpeel: Grobbelaz, Neal, Lawrenson, Thompson,
Kennedy (R) (Kennedy (A)), Hansen, Dalglish, Whelan,
Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

WEST HAM (2) 5 (Neighbour, Brooking, Martin

2, Stewart pen) COVENTRY (1) 2 (Hunt 2) COVENTRY (1) 2 (Hunt 2) 26,065
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin,
Devonshire, Neighbour, Goddard, Cross, Brooking,

Coventry: Blyth, Thomas, Roberts, Jacobs, Dyson, Gillespie, Bradford, Daly, Thompson, Hateley, Hunt.

Second Division

BARNSLEY (2) 2 (Parker 2) WREXHAM (1) 2 (Buxton, Carrodus) 14,544 Barasley: Horn, Joyce, Chambers, Glavin, Banks, McCarthy, Evans, Parker, Aylott, McHale, Barrow-

Wrexham: Niedzwiecki, Hill, Jones (J) (Davis), Dow-man, Cegielski, Ronson, Fox, Hunt, Jones (S), Buxton,

Belten: McDonagh, Whitworth, Bailey, Henry, Jones, McElhinney, Chandler, Thompson (Foster), Carter, Can-

teno, Hoggan. Orient: Day, Hughton, Fisher, Taylor (T), Gray, Sussex, Godfrey, Silkman, Taylor (P), Margerrison, McNeil.

CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Spriggs pen) SHEFFIELD WED (0) 2 (McCulloch pen, Bannis-

SHEPTIELD WED (0) 2 (McCullioth part, Schiller)

6,461
Cambridge: Webster, Smith, Murray, Christie, Fallon,
O'Neill, Finney (Streate), Spriggs, Mayo, Reilly, Gibbins.
Sheff, Wed: Bolder, Sterland, Williamson, Smith, Fickering, Taylor, Megson, King, Bannister, McCulloch,

CARDIFF (0) 3 (Micallef, Bennett (D), Stevens) LEICESTER (D) 1 (Welsh) 6,687
Cardiff: Grotier, Jones, Gilbert, Maddy (Sugrue), Pontin, Bennett (G), Bennett (D), Micallef, Stevens,

Hughes, Lewis.
Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Welsh, Peake, Scott, O'Neill, Lynex, Smith, Lineker, Wilson, MacDonald.

CHELSEA (1) 1 (Lee)
GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Ford)
Chelsea: Francis, Wilkins, Hutchings, Britton (Mayes),
Droy, Pates, Rhoades-Brown, Bumstead, Lee, Walker,

Fillery. Grimsby: Batch, Moore (D), Moore (K), O'Dell (Drin-kell), Wigginton, Czuczman, Brolly, Ward, Whymark, Mitchell, Ford.

NEWCASTLE (2) 3' (Brown 2, Varadi) LUTON (0) 2 (Moss pen, Donaghy) 21,037 Newcastle: Carr, Brownlie, Saunders, Trewick, Car-ney, Haddock, Brown (Shoulder), Martin, Varadi, Whar-

ton, Waddie. Luten: Aleksic, Stephens, Aizlewood, Horton, Goodyear (Antic), Donaghy, Hill; Stein, White, Fucillo, Moss.

NORWICH (2) 4 (Barham, Bertschin, Fashanu,

Mendham) DERBY (0) 1 (Osgood) Nerwich: Woods, Symonds, Donachie, McGuire, Walford, Watson, Barham (Jack), Muzinic, Bertschin, Fashanu, Mendham,

Derby: Jones, Coop, Buckley, Powell (S) (Osgood), Sheridan, Powell (B), Emery, Hector, Clayton, Swindle-hurst, Emson.













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CRYSTAL PALACE 0
5,581
Oldham: McDonnell, Sinclair, Ryan, Keegan, Clements, Futcher, Wylde, Heaton, Steel (Nuttall), McDonough,

| Rodney Fern | (Dathanham | 1 |
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| Avancy Fern | Roinernam | , |

ROTHERHAM (0) 2 (Moore pen, Fern)
CHARLTON (0) 1 (Hales)
Rotherham: Mountford, Forrest, Taylor, Rhodes,
Stancliffe, Green, Towner, Gooding, Moore, Fern, Chariton: Johns, Naylor, Ferns, Gritt, McAllister, Phillips, Elliott, Berry, Hales, Ambrose, Robinson.

SHREWSBURY (1) 2 (Atkins 2 (1 pen)) 4,765 *4,765
Sarewsbury: Wardle, McLaren, Johnson, Cross, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Dungworth, Atkins, McNeily, Bates.

OPR: Burridge, Fenwick, Gillard, Roeder, Howe, Waddock, Flanagan, Allen, Stainrod, Micklewhite, Gregory.

WATFORD (2) 3 (Jenkins 2, Jackett)
BLACKBURN (0) 2 (Burke, Stonehouse) 11,822
Watferd: Sherwood, Henderson, Jackett, Teylor, Terry,
Bolton, Callaghan, Blissett, Jenkins, Rostron, Barnes
(Armstrong).
Blackburn: Gennoe, Branagan, Rathbone, Stonehouse,
Keeley, Fazackerley, Miller, Burke, Lowey, Garner.

FA Cup

(First Round)
ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (Garwood 2)
LEYTONSTONE & ILFORD (0) 0 2,643 BEDFORD (0) 0 WIMBLEDON (1) 2 (Suddaby, Ketteridge) 3,900 BIDEFORD (0) 1 (Edwards) BARKING (0) 2 (Hillman, Key) BISHOP AUCKLAND (1) 4 (Cross 2, Foster, Newton)
NUNEATON (0) 1 (Jones) 1.400 BISHOP'S STORTFORD (1) 2 (Worrell, Clarke) SUTTON (2) 2 (Bradford (og), Sunnucks)

BLYTH SPARTANS (0) 1 (Rafferty) WALSALL (1) 2 (Macken, Caswell) 3,440 BOSTON (0) 0 KETTERING (0) 1 (Atkins) 2.826

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Funnell) READING (0) 0 7.376

BRENTFORD (2) 2 (Bowen 2) 6,432

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Williams (D) pen) FULHAM (0) 2 (Coney 2) 6, 6.497

6.112

CHESTERFIELD (3) 4 (Bonnyman 2, Henderson, Walker) PRESTON (0) 1 (Doyle) 5,435

COLCHESTER (0) 2 (Leslie, Adcock) 3.535

DAGENHAM (0) 2 (Burton 2) 1,691 YEOVIL (1) 2 (Green, Brown)

DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Speedie, Walsh) CARLISLE (0) 2 (Staniforth, Robson) 4.005

DORCHESTER (0) 3 (Miller, Steele 2) MINEHEAD (0) 3 (Guscott, Hodgson) 792

| DOVER (0) 0 | | |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------|
| OXFORD UTD | (1) 2 (Smithers, Thomas) | 3,144 |

ENFIELD (1) 2 (Oliver, Ashford) HASTINGS (0) 0 1.505

HALIFAX (0) 0 PETERBOROUGH (0) 3 (Cooke 2, Syrett) 2,614

HARLOW 0 1,297 HENDON (0) 1 (Bennett)
WYCOMBE WDRS (1) 1 (Vircavs)

1.353

HEREFORD (0) 3 (Harvey, Laidlaw, Phillips) SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Gray)

HORDEN COLLIERY (0) 0 BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Harrison) (Played at Hartleweel)

LINCOLN (1) 2 (Thompson, Cammack)
PORT VALE (1) 2 (Chamberlain (N), Chamber

MANSFIELD (0) 0 DONCASTER (1) 1 (Douglas) 5,456 PENRITH (0) 1 (Fell) CHESTER (0) 0 2 700

PLYMOUTH 0
GILLINGHAM 0 5,471

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Hemmerman) MILLWALL (0) 1 (Chatterton pen) 10.113

ROCHDALE (0) 2 (Dolan, Esser) HULL (1) 2 (McLaren, Whitehurst) 2.722 SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Cowling) BRADFORD (0) 0 3.339

SHEFFIELD UTD (1) 2 (Edwards, Hatton) ALTRINCHAM (0) 2 (Rogers 2) 12,433

STAFFORD RGRS (1) 1 (Burr) YORK (1) 2 (Ford, Walwyn) 2,289

STOCKPORT (1) 3 (Williams 2, Park) MOSSLEY (0) 1 (Moore) 4.216 SWINDON (1) 2 (Pritchard 2) TAUNTON (1) 1 (Hains) 4,494

TRANMERE (0)-1 (Brown) BURY (0)-1 (Madden) 3.382

WEYMOUTH 0 NORTHAMPTON 0 2.005

WIGAN (1) 2 (Methven, Quinn) HARTLEPOOL (0) 2 (Linacre (P), Newton) 5,303 WILLENHALL (0) 0

3,454

WORKINGTON (1) 1 (Reach) HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Brown)

Scottish Premier

3.101

CELTIC (2) 3 (McAdam, McGarvey, MacLeod) RANGERS (3) 3 (Dalziel, Bett, MacDonald) 48,600

48,500
Cettle: Bonner, Moyes, Reid, Aitken, McAdam, Sullivan, Provan, MacLeod, McGarvey, Conroy, McCluskey. Raagers: McCloy, Jardine, Miller, Stevens, Jackson, Bett, Cooper, Russell, MacDonald, Johnstone, Delziel (Redford).

DUNDEE UTD (2) 4 (Dodds, Sturrock 2, Bannon

pen) AIRDRIE (0) 0 Dundee Utal: McAlpine, Malpas, Philtip, Narey, Hegarty, Holt, Bannon, Milne, Kirkwood, Dodds (Payne), Sturrock.

Airdrie: Davidson, McCluskey, Rodger, March, Anderson, McKeown (Thomson), Gordon, Flood, Walker, Clark, McGuire (Kerr).

HIBS (1) 1 (Callachen)
ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Simpson)
Hilas: McArthur, Sneddon, Schaedler, Brazil, Paterson,
Callachan, Ravell, Duncan, Rae, Rodier (Murray), Mac-

Leod (McLaren). Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, McMester, Cooper (Cowan), Miller, Watson, Strachan, Simpson, McCall (Harrow), McGhee, Weir.

PARTICK (2) 2 (Johnston, Clark)
MORTON (0) 2 (Houston, McNeil) 3,000
Partick: Rough, Murray, Whittaker, Dunlop, Anderson, Watson, McDonald, Doyle, Park (O'Hara), Johnston Morten: Baines, Houston, Holmes, McLaughlin, Orr. Cochrane, Docherty, Slaven, McNeil, Hutchison, Ritchie

ST. MIRREN (3) 4 (McAvennie 2, Fitzpatrick, DUNDEE (0) 0 3,500
St. Mirres: Thomson, McCormack, Beckett, Fitzpatrick, Fulton, Copland, Bone (McEachren), Richardson, Somner, Abercrombie, McAvennie.
Dundee: Geddes, Berr, McClelland, Fraser, Glennie, McDonald, Ferguson, Bell, Mackie, Cameron, Murphy (Kidd)

Scottish First

DUMBARTON (1) 1 (Coyle) RAITH (0) 1 (Gibson pen) 450 DUNFERMLINE (2) 3 (Jenkins. Hamil.

McNaughton)
CLYDEBANK (2) 6 (Millar 4, Ronald, McCabe)

FALKIRK (1) 1 (Thompson) MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Gahagan) 3,000

HAMILTON (0) 0 HEARTS (1) 2 (Mackay, Addison) 2.200 KILMARNOCK 0

1,600

QUEEN'S PARK (1) 2 (Verrechia, Crawley) E. STIRLING (1) 1 (Howitt) ST. JOHNSTONE (1) 2 (Brannigan 2) AYR (0) 0

Scottish Second

1.716

ALBION (1) 1 (Evans) STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 4 (Jenkins 2, Bremner,

ALLOA (0) 3 (Hope pen, McCoomb 2) COWDENBEATH (1) 1 (Forrest) 623

ARBROATH (1) 1 (Shaw) MONTROSE (0) 0 400

BERWICK (0) 1 (Lawson) STIRLING (0) 0

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CLYDE (1) 3 (Nevin, Masterton, McCutcheon) STRANRAER (0) 0 800

E. FIFE (1) 2 (Scott, McLaren) 300

Monday, Nov. 23

F.A. Cup

(First Round replays)
ALTRINCHAM (0) 3 (Howard 2, Heathcote) SHEFFIELD UTD (0) 0 8.000

MINEHEAD (0) 0 DORCHESTER (2) 4 (Senior 2, Chutter) 952

F.A. CUP SECOND ROUND

Aldershot v Oxford Utd Barnet v Wycombe Wdrs Brentford v Colchester **Bristol City v Northampton Bury v Burnley** Carlisle v Bishop Auckland Chesterfield v Huddersfield **Crewe v Scunthorpe** Dagenham v Miliwall **Doncaster v Penrith** Dorchester v Bournemouth Enfield v Wimbledon Gillingham v Barking Hereford v Fulham Kettering v Blackpool Lincoln/Port Vale v Stockport Peterborough v Walsall Huli v Hartlepool **Swindon v Sutton** York v Altrincham

Saturday, December 12th, 1981

Arsenal v Middlesbrough

MIDDLESBROUGH have seldom gained any joy from their visits to Arsenal. On Saturday they make their 44th League visit to the London club and have so far

visit to the London club and have so far gained only five wins, the last way back in 1938-39 when they were victorious by the odd goal in three.

Since that win Middlesbrough have played 15 League games at Highbury, iosing ten and drawing five.

Frank Stapleton was a particular thorn in Middlesbrough's side and had scored in five of the last six meetings at Highbury, the odd one out being a goalless draw. Perhaps in his absence this season Middlesbrough may begin with renewed hope.

Immediately after the last War Ronnie Rooke scored a total of seven goals in two successive League meetings with Middlesbrough at Highbury.

Aston Villa v W.B.A.

SINCE Albion returned to the First Division in 1976 they have only beaten Villa once in ten League clashes — 1-0 (scorer John Trewick) in 1978-79 at Villa

The only other goal scored in the last three First Division games between these local rivals at Villa Park was that by Peter Withe in Villa's 1-0 victory last

Ipswich v Brighton

NOT since February, 1954 have Brighton won a League game at Portman Road, fighting back from 2-0 down at half-time to win 3-2. Two goals from Bert Mundy and another from Denis Foreman were enough to secure the points for Brighton on that occasion.

But that was in the old Third Division (South) days, and times have certainly

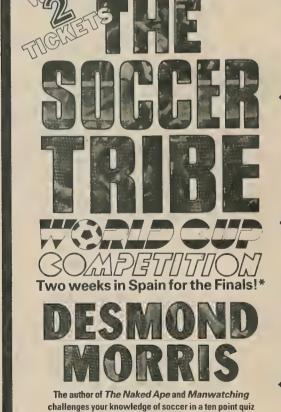
changed for these two clubs since then. In seven League visits to Ipswich since that long forgotten victory, Brighton have secured only one point. That came two seasons ago when former Ipswich defender Gary Stevens equalised against his old club after John Wark had put Ipswich ahead from the penalty spot. penalty spot.

Swansea v Nott'm Forest

THESE two clubs will be renewing old acquaintances on Saturday when Forest make their first League visit to the Vetch Field since September 1st, 1956. That was the season Forest gained promotion to the First Division and they won 4-1 at Swansea. So that some of us can appreciate how long ago that was, it is worthwhile recalling that Doug Lishman (2), Peter Small and Stewart Imlach scored for the visitors, while Dudley Price got Swansea's only while Dudley Price got Swansea's only goal.

The last time Swansea beat Forest either at home or away was 2-1 at the Vetch Field in August, 1953 when Ivor Allchurch got both goals — one from the penalty spot.





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AM re-writing the opening words of that favourite song: "Who wants to be a millionaire?" My version goes:
"Who wants to win a World Cup place?"

And if Mr Ron Greenwood, of Football Association headquarters, Lancaster Gate, London, should happen to be reading this column, my answer to that challenging ques-tion is a firm: "I DO."

It might not have escaped your attention that one Justinus Soni Fashanu has been scoring one or two goals for Nottingham Forest after weeks of trying like mad to get the ball in the net.

I kept a bit quiet when I was short of goals - and I have no intention of shouting too much about my



On the ball

Blackburn, Arsenal and Sunderland.

What I would like to say is that I have launched a determined campaign to try to win a place in England's World Cup squad.

Mrs Shirley Williams achieved a remarkable feat in destroying a massive Conservative majority to win the Crosby by-election — and I'm going flat out in the next few months to achieve my ambition to play in the 12th World Cup with the number nine shirt on my back.

A World Cup place is a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow for most players. I was a grubby little five-year-old kicking a ball around the streets of London when England won the World Cup in 1966.

Magic

Four years later I was much more aware of football and remember being thrilled by Brazilian magic in Mexico. Jairzinho, who to me was the greatest person in the world at that time, scored one of Brazil's four goals in the 4-1 hammering they gave Italy in the Final.

I was delighted to hear Mr Greenwood say that there was plenty of time for players to earn England recognition before the World Cup. And as I'm a member of the England Under-21 squad, I feel I've got as good a chance as any of challenging hard for a place in the squad.

It's worth remembering that in the months leading up to the 1966 World Cup Finals, neither Geoff Hurst nor his strike partner Roger Hunt were certainties. They made the grade in Alf Ramsey's eyes in the friendly games immediately before the Finals.

England have five, maybe six, internationals between now and the Finals, time for Gary Shaw, Cyrille Regis, Peter Withe, Paul Goddard,

Garry Thompson, Trevor Francis, Paul Mariner and other strikers to convince Mr Greenwood that they are worthy of selection for the Finals.

Experience counts for a lot and that's why Mariner, the man in control who scored a crucial goal against Hungary, Withe and Francis have a head start on the rest of us. Mr Greenwood relies heavily on experience, but don't confuse that policy with suggestions that he pre-

fers the "old brigade" to young-

I've read so much rubbish spoken about the ages of players that I'm wondering if it would be a good idea for footballers never to reveal their birthdates.

Some of the criticisms of our best England players have been outrageous. Does it really matter that Tre-vor Brooking is 33 when he plays like a 23-year-old? Eng-land and West Ham always play well when Brooking is in the team.

The views of the Press are not the views of the players. Kevin Keegan is a must for Spain. He's 30 but I wouldn't care if he were 60. He's simply one of those players you can't do without.

Frightened

Keegan strikes as much fear into the opposition as Maradona does when he plays for Argentina. Bobby Charlton frightened the lives out of the West Germans in the 1970 World Cup, a period supposed to be the sunset of his career.

Dino Zoff, Italy's goalkeeper, is almost 40. Franz Beckenbauer is still playing at 36 - and just look at the brilliant players we've got in England who are over 30.

Frank Worthington and Colin Todd are playing as well, if not better, for Birmingham City than players ten years their junior. Alan Ball danced around the pitch at the Daily Express Five-a-Side Finals at Wembley as if an apprentice, and veteran Martin Peters' performances for my former club Norwich were outstanding.

So forget the age barrier. It means nothing to Mr Greenwood or the players

Juirzinho scores in the 1970 World Cup Final for Brazil against Italy

Brazil are my tip to win the World Cup. West Germany and Argentina will run them close and England will do well, I'm convinced of that.

A final word on selection. In the Spring of 1978 most football fans had not heard of Mario Kempes, Leo Luque and Osvaldo Ardiles.

By the evening of June 25th that summer, Mario Kempes, scorer of two goals for Argentina in the Final against Holland, was as well known as Muhammad Ali.

A nobody one moment, hero the next. That's why one Justin Fashanu is trying like mad to catch Mr Greenwood's eye.

I'm back next week in SHOOT's bumper Christmas issue. Don't miss it lads . .





oss Jack is the striker with an almost personalised telephone The number. last three digits are 007 - and he is showing that James Bond touch hit-man when comes to scoring goals for Norwich City.

He zoomed into the yawning

gap left by Justin Fashanu's depar-

two and a half years between his one goal for Everton and his first this season for Norwich.

"When I came down from Scotland, I broke out of Everton's reserves just once: to partner Bob Latchford in a home game against Middlesbrough. We scored a goal apiece to win the match . . . but that was March, 1979. From then to save the game. I found the pressure slightly overwhelming." He finished the season without a goal - but totally determined to end the lean years. "I've never worked so hard as I've done this

badly needed and 15 minutes left

season. I simply stuck at it, knowing that all I had to do was break my duck.
"I felt sure in my own mind that once I did that much, I would be set for better things. That is exactly what happened: my first

goal for Norwich came against Barnsley and then I was away! "I didn't play the first game of the season at Rotherham when we lost 4-1. At the same time, I was staking my claim with a hat-trick against Chelsea in the reserves that got me into the team and I've

not looked back since.

'Complete'

"I'm really enjoying my football at last. All it needs to make it complete would be for Norwich to be heading back for the First Division. I'm convinced that can still happen: we have a squad too good to be struggling in the Second. "The honest truth about the modest start is that we've had a

terrible time with injuries. Manager Ken Brown has had an appalling time just getting together 11 fit first team players. I'm sure that once we get all those problems behind us, the end of the season will see us getting very close.

"But after the long struggle for a regular place I'm just delighted to be involved.

ture to emerge as the club's leadmarksman and says: always back myself to score. It is something that I love doing. I always want to be on the end of

"I've played some games in midfront but the same standards apply: even if I'm not concerned in the build up, I look to be in the right position to finish."

The 22-year-old Highlander — he comes from Inverness in the far North — had waited a long time

for that sudden surge of goal-scoring. Injury and frustra-tion had "gradually got me down," he admits and there was a gap of almost

on, everything seemed to stand still."

He went to Norwich but then manager John Bond could not agree terms with Everton; next on to Cardiff City for a two-month trial. The Welsh club badly wanted him in their Second Division side and Jack wanted the chance - but a burst vein in his calf prevented him from showing his goal-snatching skill. Finally Norwich tried again. This

time the transfer was negotiated and Ross went to Carrow Road. "But again I couldn't seem to get started. Of my 11 appearances as we battled against relegation last season, six of them were as substitute

"Norwich seemed to bring me on time and again with a goal

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STRIKERS

1. Swansea City's Bob Latchford has played for two other League clubs . . . can you name them?

2. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of one of the Scottish Premier Division's top strikers and his club . . . RKDEE TOONNSJEH (ESRRGAN). 3. West Bromwich Albion's Cyrille Regis was spotted by The Hawthorns club playing for

non-League Hounslow, Harlow or

Haves? 4. Select the striker from the following — Tony McAndrew (Middlesbrough), Imre Varadi Newcastle) or Shaun Elliott

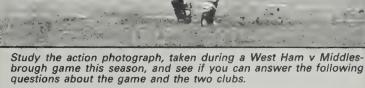
Sunderland)

5. Where did Liverpool striker lan Rush (right) begin his League career?

TRUE OR FALSE?

 Huddersfield Town play their home Fourth Division games at Leeds Road and are nicknamed The Terriers.

United's Bruce Torquay Rioch (below) gained 24 full caps for Scotland.



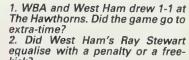
Can you identify the West Ham player in the dark shirt?
 And the Middlesbrough star challenging?

3. West Ham won this game at Upton Park by 3-2. Did either

player score for his club?
4. How many players did the London club provide for England's squad for the recent World Cup qualifying game against Hungary?

LEAGUE CUP

The Football League Third Round replays were played recently Can you answer the following questions about the games?



kick? 3. Aston Villa eliminated Second Division Leicester City from the competition. Did Villa win 1-0, 2-0

4. Watford beat Lincoln 3-2. Was it played at Sincil Bank, Lincoln or Vicarage Road, Watford?

5. Apart from being an important Cup-tie, what was so significant about the game for Watford boss Graham Taylor (left)?



SPOT THE CLUBS

1. They have won the Football League Championship a record 12 times, the F.A. Cup twice and the Football League Cup once. Who are they?

2. Freddie Goodwin, Brian Clough, Peter Taylor and Alan Mullery have all been managers of which famous club?

3. Roy Sproson made a record 761 League appearances for which club between 1950 and 1972?

4. Which two clubs would be in opposition if the 1970-71 Football League Champions entertained the 1979-80 Scottish Premier Division Champions in a friendly?

5. The Queens is the popular nickname of Queen of the South or



3. Montrose spent the 1978-79 season in the Scottish Premier Division.

4. Ross Jenkins of Watford scored two goals in 15 League appearances for his former club, Crystal Palace.

5. West Bromwich Albion were once known as West Bromwich Strollers.

On The Ball Answers:-

ACROSS:— (1) Ash. (3) McIlroy. (7) Wealands. (12) ire. (13) Stan. (14) Keegan. (16) Add. (19) Ron. (21) Wardle. (23) Finn. (24) Era. (25) Port Vale. (27) Melrose. (30) Nod. DOWN:— (1) Avi. (2) Her. (4) Clark. (5) Odd. (6) Owen. (8) Nigel. (9) Sing. (10) Tea. (11) Otto. (15) Error. (17) Dons. (18) Swap. (20) New. (22) Evans. (23) Feet. (26) One. (28) Len. (29) Old. (28) Len. (29) Old.

ANSWERS:

TRUE OR FALSE. 1 False — they play in the Third Division. 2 True. 3 False — they play in the Thire. 5. True. 4 Arsenal and they have never played in the Premier. 4. True. 5. True. 5. True. 5. True. 5. True. 5. True. 5. True. 6. Arsenal and Aberdeen. 5. Queen of the South PICTURE PUZZLE. 1 Trevor Brooking. 2. Terry Cochrane. 3. No. 4. Four — Brooking, Alan Devonshire, Alvin Martin and Paul Goddard. LEAGUE CUP, 1. Yes. 2. Penalty, 3. 2-0. 4. Sincil Bank, 5. It was against his former STRIKERS, 1. Bitmingham and Everton. 2. Derek Johnstone (Rangers). 3. Hayes.



Notts County swaggered to promotion at the end of last HE highbrows of soccer when Swansea and almost fell about laughseason.

"What right have they to play in the First Division?" was the gen-eral consensus of their opinion. But if those promotions shocked nastier surprise at the end of this them, they could be in for an even

would consider impossible — a jump into the First Division. They are riding high in the Sec-No less a club than Barnsley are threatening to achieve what some

Season

Division and have basked in Cup glory by claiming the prize scalps of First Division clubs Swansea and Brighton in the League Cup. puo

man Hunter's team in a memorable Third Round League Cup game at the Oakwell Ground. and they proved it that night when four goals were smashed into Brighton's net by Ronnie Glavin, Mick McCarthy, and Trevor Aylott Norman Hunter, the old Leeds United and England warhorse, has Brighton were humbled by Norsaid consistently that Barnsley are good enough to win promotion -

Hunter described the perform-2

best exhibitions of finishing I have seen in a long, long time.
"When we get a first Division club here we are not expected to

beat them. It was a marvellous famous victory indeed, and a in the Second Division. example of our capability. A famou tribute to c squads in

thumped two goals in Barnsley's 4-0 victory over Shrewsbury on the Division's most feared strikers. He opening day of the season and by mid-November had scored ten rejected has become one Aylott, Chelsea,

League and Cup goals. The big striker is well supported

in attack by Derrick Parker, a £60,000 bargain from Southend, and Stewart Barrowclough, who returns to Barnsley via Newcastle, Birmingham and Bristol Rovers. Barnsley's defence is no less impressive than their attack. Is there a better central defensive pair in the Second Division than lan Evans and Mick McCarthy?

Ronnie Glavin, the subject of

been a to the transfer speculation, has been guiding light in midfield to the

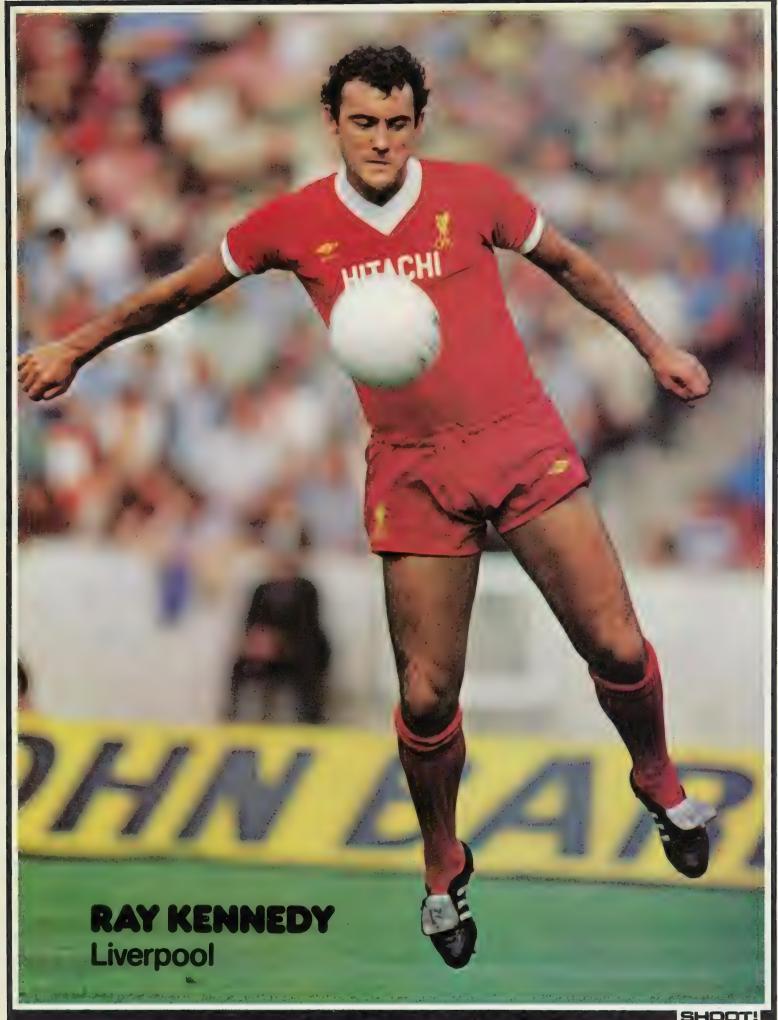
Younger players around him. Glavin was largely instrumental in steering Barnsley to promotion from the Third Division at the end of last season and is performing with the same success this term.

BACK ROW (left to right): Norman Hunter (manager), Derrick Parker, Neil Cooper, Ian Banks, Ian Evans, Martin New, Trevor Aylott, Mick McCarthy, Ronnie Glavin, Ray

are gold-dust and Glavin gets his fair share — 24 League and Cup Midfield players who score goals goals last season, seven by mid-November this season. FRONT ROW: Joe Joyce, Colin Walker, Phil Chambers, Winston Campbell, Bobby Downes, Stewart Barrowclough, Gordon Boyd.

Barnsley's all-round strength in teir first season in the Second Division for 22 years is the key to their first

And that could carry them to the First Division for the first time in their 93 year history. their future.



HUU I

NOW FOR THE WORLD!



A look at some of the World Cup Finalists



Algeria (dark strip) will add a little colour to the World Cup Finals. They reached Spain at the expense of African rivals Nigeria.



Antonio Cabrini is heading for Spain with Italy, followed by the Yugoslavs (dark strip, above).

The goal which virtually ended Eire's dreams (right). Michel Platini scores for France against Holland to go through from Group Two.

West Germany's Hans-Peter Briegel gets above Bruno Pezzey of Austria (left), but both teams have qualified for Spain.

Polish schemer
Zbigniew Boniek
leads the chase
against East
Germany's
Wolfgang
Steinbach and
ensures his
country qualified
ahead of their
Eastern bloc
neighbours.



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This week's Star Letter comes from N. Gilliam of West Byfleet, Surrey, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

DON'T FORGET BARNES

S Peter Barnes' international career over? With the introducton of Tony Morley into the England side, and the omission of Barnes from the squad, it now seems that Ron Greenwood has reverted back to his old system of having two wingers — but this time Barnes is not one of them.

As SHOOT's recent poll indicated, Barnes is a very popular player with the supporters. This comes as no surprise, as, in my opinion he is the most skilful player in English football — certainly the best winger. So why has he

Perhaps it was because of his apparent uneasiness with the rest of the team, but, more likely, it was because of his move to Leeds United.

He seems to be playing in all sorts of positions there, and this surely gives him no confidence. This is apparent in the rumours that he is unhappy, and is even asking for a transfer.

So, my message to Ron Greenwood is please do not ignore Peter Barnes simply because he is not playing well at club level.

I've seen Tony Morley play — he's a good, very good player, but as he showed against Brazil, an on-form Peter Barnes is a most lethal player.

Barnes' time is running out. Morley is the winger in form and I fancy he could be the ace in Greenwood's pack.



Can't forgive Bond

READ with interest John Bond's remarks in his recent column. He says that it was necessary to sell Steve Mackenzie in order to bring Trevor Francis to Maine Road.

However, Mr Bond forgot to say that he spent £400,000 on a defender that City least needed.

The same amount of money that City got for Mackenzie.

Therefore if John Bond had not "wasted" £400,000 on the defender, City could have kept Mackenzie as well as having Trevor Francis. Because the defender in question is

his own son Kevin, he was forced to sell one of his best players.

I cannot believe that Kevin Bond has added anything to the City defence, but the midfield is definitely weaker for Mackenzie's absence.
A small piece of wheeler-dealing that

John Bond can never be forgiven for.

NICK LAWLESS. MANCHESTER

Unless City win something . . .

Pen-pal

I'M a 21-year-old American who would like to correspond with supporters of Spurs.

13 VOORHEES STREET, AMSTERDAM, N.Y. 12010, USA.

Bad choice

THE Scottish Football Association have made an appalling choice of mascot to promote Scotland's World Cup cam-

paign. World Cup Sandy (below) does abso-Utely nothing to enhance the image of Scotland, so badly tarnished in the debacle of Argentina.

Why didn't the S.F.A. adopt a mascot that would show Scotland in a more facuurable light?

favourable light?

For a land that is famous for many aspects of its society there should have been no shortage of choice.

HUGH JAMIESON, PORT GLASGOW

What do other Scottish readers think?



True colours

ALTHOUGH like many people I was very pleased that Northern Ireland qualified for Spain, I do not feel that the players showed their true colours towards playing for their country.

At a time when many internationals from Britain were trying to convince the public that they would play for their county for nothing, the Northern Ireland players complained that the £260 they received for beating Israel was they received for beating israel was "peanuts".

Those players want to try working in a factory day in, day out for less than £100 a week like many people have to do. Then they would realise what work-

ing for peanuts is.
£260 for kicking a football around
Windsor Park for 90 minutes seems
very easy money to me.

DAVID ELLIS, NELSON.

Northern Ireland's success will make a lot of money for their F.A. The players obviously feel they're not being justly

Consistently inconsistent

SO Luton Town reckon the only obstacle between them and Division One is their home form (SHOOT 7.11.81) and the fact that dull, defensive, unfashionable clubs are likely to "pinch the points" do they?

points" do they?

This argument, sadly, does not hold water. Luton are simply consistently inconsistent! Winning 2-1 on Q.P.R.'s plastic pitch, but losing to the unfashionable sides at home.

I sincerely hope that Luton will be promoted this season as they are, undoubtedly, the best side in Division

Two.
Unfortunately, they could miss out yet again by being too adventurous (a fate of Bolton and Sunderland in past

E. DAVIES BODELWYDDAN.

It isn't a vintage Second Division this season and it'll be a big surprise if Luton don't go up this time.

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Seven from

Highbury

What is the highest number of players, all from one club, who've ever played for England in a full international?

PAULO ANUNCIACAO. PORTUGAL

Paulo, it's the seven Arsenal men—
goalkeeper Frank Moss; full backs
George Male and Eddie Hapgood, winghalf Wilf Copping, and forwards Ray
Bowden, Ted Drake, and Clitt Bastin—
in the 3-2 win over Italy at Highbury on
14th November, 1934.
But in bygone times— which were
rather less competitive than the modern
game, and can hardly be compared—
Corinthians supplied all 11 England
players for a 5-1 win over Wales at
Wrexham in 1894, and again in a 1-1
draw with Wales in London the following year.

Sold himself

Is it true that an England international once transferred himself from one club to another?

MIKAEL HULTIN SWEDEN

Reckon you're thinking of Ivor Broadis, Mikael — who later, as a creative Manchester City and Newcastle inside-forward, won 14 full caps for England between 1951 and 1954. A Wartime bomber-pilot, Broadis joined Carlisle as player-manager in 1946 on being released from the R.A.F. Then, in January, 1949, to help his club's pressing financial problems Broadis found himself in the novel situation of arranging his own transfer (just as a player) to Sunderland for £18,000 — then still a pretty hefty fee. Incidentally, Broadis' move left the post vacant for someone — later to become a legend in the game — to take up his very first managerial job. That man was the late, great Bill Shankiy!

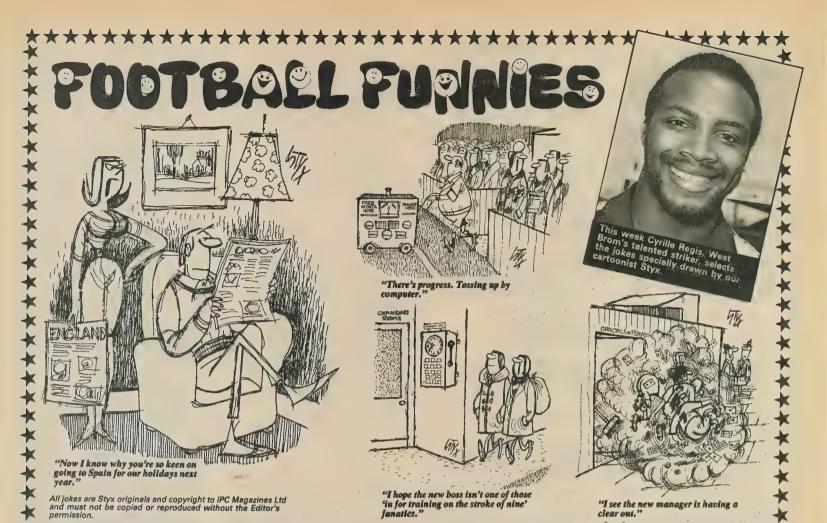
SHORT PASSES

Villa keeper Jimmy Rimmer has won just one full England cap — in the 3-2 win over Italy, in New York, on 28th May, 1976. He was an Arsenal player at the time. (GEORGE CLEMENCE, Huntingdon)

Liverpool's record 12 League title
 wins came in 1900-01, 1905-06,
 1921-22, 1922-23, 1946-47, 1963-64,
 1965-66, 1972-73, 1975-76, 1976-77,
 1978-79, and 1979-80.

(MATTHEW KING, Reigate)

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So was the match-winner Paul Mariner scored for England in the World Cup-tie against Hungary. Not a memorable goal, but never was one so vital to English football. Belated congratulations Paul, but beware, I'm after one of the England striking positions in Spain.

Still on the subject of goals, I'll

never forget my first senior goal for Villa, in a Second Round, first-leg League Cup-tie at Colchester on August 28th, 1979.

Tony Morley, who was playing on the right wing in those days, weaved his way down the flank and floated over a cross.

John Deehan went up for it but missed, taking a defender with him. I could see John had no chance of

e goal that th

ILLA scored one of the best goals of the season at Middlesbrough recently and received a real roasting from the boss Ron Saunders.

It was a super goal. You may have seen it on television.

Gordon Cowans won the ball in Villa's half and played the ball out to me. I saw Tony Morley spare and swung a long crossfield pass out to the left, switching play and com-pletely catching Boro on the hop.

Tony held the ball until Eamonn Deacy was able to add his support and I continued my run towards the box.

Eamonn controlled Tony's pass and found Peter Withe, who chested it down to me. Running in, I caught the ball perfectly to voiley it past Jim Platt.

Concerned

Five Villa players were involved in the goal. It was a real team effort. Even so, Ron didn't even mention

the goal afterwards. He was more concerned at the way we let Boro pull back to 3-3 after Villa had been 3-1 ahead.

A pity we only got one point after scoring three times away. That's what's wrong with the new three points system. A team scoring one goal at home to scrape a win earns more than a side going for goals away. Doesn't make sense.

Even though that goal at Ayresome will go down as one of the best of my career it's not my most memorable so far. That is reserved for one I scored at Bristol City in

Funny enough, I described this goal to a certain Mr Jimmy Greaves who phoned a few months ago asking me to recall my favourite goals for a book he was compiling. We spoke for a long time, not only about my goal but the game in general. Although he's not playing at top level these days, Jimmy's love for football is as strong as ever.

Anyhow . . . my goal at Ashton Gate. I was 17 at the time, had only just broken through into the first team and my golden goal was the second of a hat-trick.

That's memorable in itself because up to the time of writing that is the only hat-trick I've scored in top class football.

Brian Little fed me a pass just inside the City half. I ran with the ball for 20 yards with their defendance. ders backing off. Looking up I saw a gap to goal open up and almost without thinking hit a shot from fully 35 yards into the top right hand corner of the net.

Jimmy said he would have enjoyed scoring that one and then asked me to describe the best goal I'd ever seen.

Jimmy Greaves

That was scored by Austria's Hans Krankl against West Germany in the 1978 World Cup Finals in Argentina. Hans received a cross on the edge

of the area, controlled the ball on his thigh and in one movement volleyed it into the corner of the net. It was a goal in a million.

reaching the ball and was already in the air seeing glory. I made contact and sent the ball past 'keeper Mike

That was the first of my two goals that night so I went home happy. Colchester drew level in the second-leg but Villa eliminated them on penalties.

I don't set myself targets, nor worry when I'm not scoring goals. As long as I still manage to get into scoring positions I know the goals will come eventually.

My goalscoring philosophy is adopted from England's youth team-manager John Cartwright.
He told me: "Once you've scored

one goal think about a second. When you've got that think about a third.

I'll remember John's advice this Saturday (December 12th) when Villa entertain our Midland rivals WBA. I've never scored against them while playing for the first team so here's to a Shaw football first.

See you next week in SHOOT's bumper Christmas issue. I'm told it's sensational ... especially the front cover.



Hans Krankl, the scorer of a brilliant goal for Austria against West Germany in the 1978 World Cup.



'VE BEEN AN IDIO

says Colin Todd

T is one of the virtually forgotten tragedies of English football that Colin Todd's only involvement in the 1982 World Cup will be via his television set.

The talented and experienced Birmingham City sweeper, currently playing as well as during any time in his career, must live with the knowledge that he once had English football's most coveted role placed in his hands, and he rejected it. and he rejected it.

and he rejected it.

Now, instead of leading England's World Cup team in Spain, he must content himself with memories of his international career and the annoying realisation that it was a period in his professional life that he failed to develop preparty.

develop properly.

Doubly frustrating must be the knowledge that of all the positions on the field, those of central defenders have been causing England manager, Ron Greenwood, most

Easier

If you have a top-class sweeper at the heart of your defence, the job of filling the centre-half role is consumately easier.

Todd, 32, and one of the most respected sweepers in Britain, has that rare ability to organise a defence, mop up behind it and find the time, and possess the timing. the time — and possess the timing
— to burst through into midfield
with the ball and deliver penetrative passes before the opposition
has time to pick him up.
He proved during his 27 cap England career that his style of play is

suited to the international game. Most leading foreign teams use just such a free defender, and this

is why they so often manage to produce that troublesome extra man in midfield.

But what should have been a career of more than 100 caps turned sour for Todd during the England managerial reign of Don

The defender admitted: "I'm the man who turned down the England captaincy. If only I hadn't turned it down I might be going to Spain for the World Cup Finals, but that is something I will have to live with."

Todd was offered the job before Revie gave it to Gerry Francis. And Todd recalled: "I was a damn fool, a downright idiot. I told Don Revie that had taken me by surprise and that I needed time to think it over.

"I did just that, then went back to him and told him that I was

'I turned down the England captaincy . . . I should still be playing for my country'

sorry, but I didn't think I could take the responsibility. After all, I wasn't even skipper at Derby County at the time.

before moving from midfield to defence during 173 League appear-ances before becoming part of Brian Clough's rebuilding of Derby

County.
At the Baseball Ground, Todd's partnership with Roy McFarland was a cornerstone of Derby's 1972 League Championship triumph. He made 293 League appearances and continued his club-duo act at England level.

Next stop was Everton where, after just 32 League games he moved on to Birmingham, but the heady days of Derby and England were never to be recaptured.

There are those who argue that Todd's international problems really began earlier. "Yes, I once pulled out of an England Under-23 tour because I wanted a holiday with my wife and family. Maybe I was not ambitious enough at the time," he said.

"It is difficult to swallow now, because I believe I am as good as any defender in England at the moment. When I search for reasons why I've been overlooked since I am convinced that these things have gone against me.
"Now I am as ambitious as any

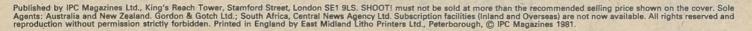
player in the game. Unfortunately, when you are young you can say 'I've still got plenty of time, lots of seasons in which to win something.' But the time flies by and suddenly it is the twilight of your career.

"But when you are almost 33 and convinced you're good enough to be in England's World Cup squad, you know in your heart of hearts that it is too late."

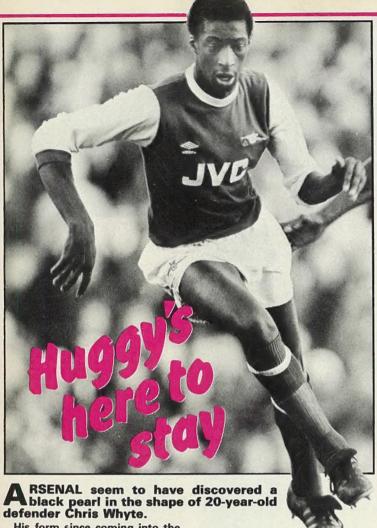
One suspects that it is England's loss at a time when players of the calibre of Todd are so scarce.











His form since coming into the Arsenal first team has been a revelation, and it was no coincidence that his arrival came at the same time as The Gunners embarked on

a run of six successive victories. Whyte — nicknamed 'Huggy' by his team-mates after the character in Starsky and Hutch amazed everybody at Highbury by the way he has made the step up from reserve and youth team football.

It was the much-publicised row between Arsenal manager Terry Neill and centre-half Willie Young which gave Whyte his big chance, and now it looks as if the local lad is there to stay.

For his form so far has been so impressive that Neill might sell Young to Nottingham Forest, secure in the knowledge he had a more than adequate replacement in Whyte.

He plays alongside Arsenal skiper David O'Leary in the heart of the Arsenal defence, and the man rated to be the best in Europe admits to being 'delighted' at the impact Whyte has made.

"Like everybody else at the club I just can't believe how well he has settled in. Huggy looks to be a real prospect," says O'Leary.
"He has never looked to be in

the slightest bit overawed and has shown the confidence and assurance of someone who has been in the First Division for years.

He looks confident on the ball and if he has a fault it is that he tries to play too much football. But that is something that can easily be put right.

Another big thing in his favour is that he is desperate to learn and readily listens to any advice he is given.

He comes from an entire family of Gunners' fanatics and lives just around the corner from the Arsenal Stadium.

At well over six feet tall, Whyte also has the height to deal with anything in the air, but retains the mobility and skill on the ground often lacking in players of his stature

Replacing Willie Young Arsenal would be a daunting task for many players, for the big Scots-man had established a remarkable rapport with the Highbury fans.

Maturity

But Whyte has had no trouble winning the crowd over. Not as flamboyant a character as Young, his maturity and footballing ability have more than compensated for that.

Following a dismal start to the season and an early exit from the UEFA Cup to Belgian part-timers Winterslag, there hasn't been a lot for the Arsenal fans to cheer.

Recent results, however, suggest that Arsenal have turned the corner and better times lie ahead.

The pressure on manager Terry Neill is not so intense, and that seems to have got through to his players. Graham Rix and Alan Sunderland, in particular, seem to have been rejuvenated.

It would be wrong to suggest that this is entirely due to Chris Whyte. But the fact that he has

brought a defensive stability Arsenal cannot be overlooked.

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